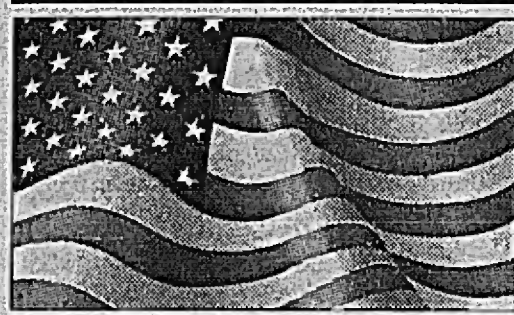


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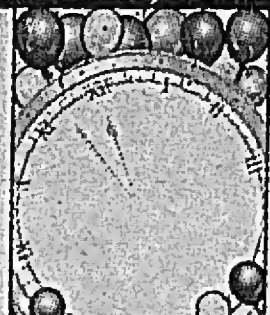
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District 34 hosts referendum kick-off

By JULIE MURPHY
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The Antioch Community Consolidated District 34 lost its educational fund referendum last spring but is hoping measures will be approved this spring. Without an increase, the district will have to consider cutting programs to prevent deficit spending in the future.

A kick-off event has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Antioch Upper Grade School. Childcare will be provided for school-age children.

The district is encouraging concerned citizens, parents and school staff to attend the meeting "to learn more about the referendum and join in the effort."

A memo was sent to parents earlier in December seeking volunteers for committees to handle publicity, voter registration, neigh-

borhood canvassing a phone bank, fundraising, special events and poll watching.

District 34 sought a \$.58 increase from \$2.081 to \$2.66 for the last election.

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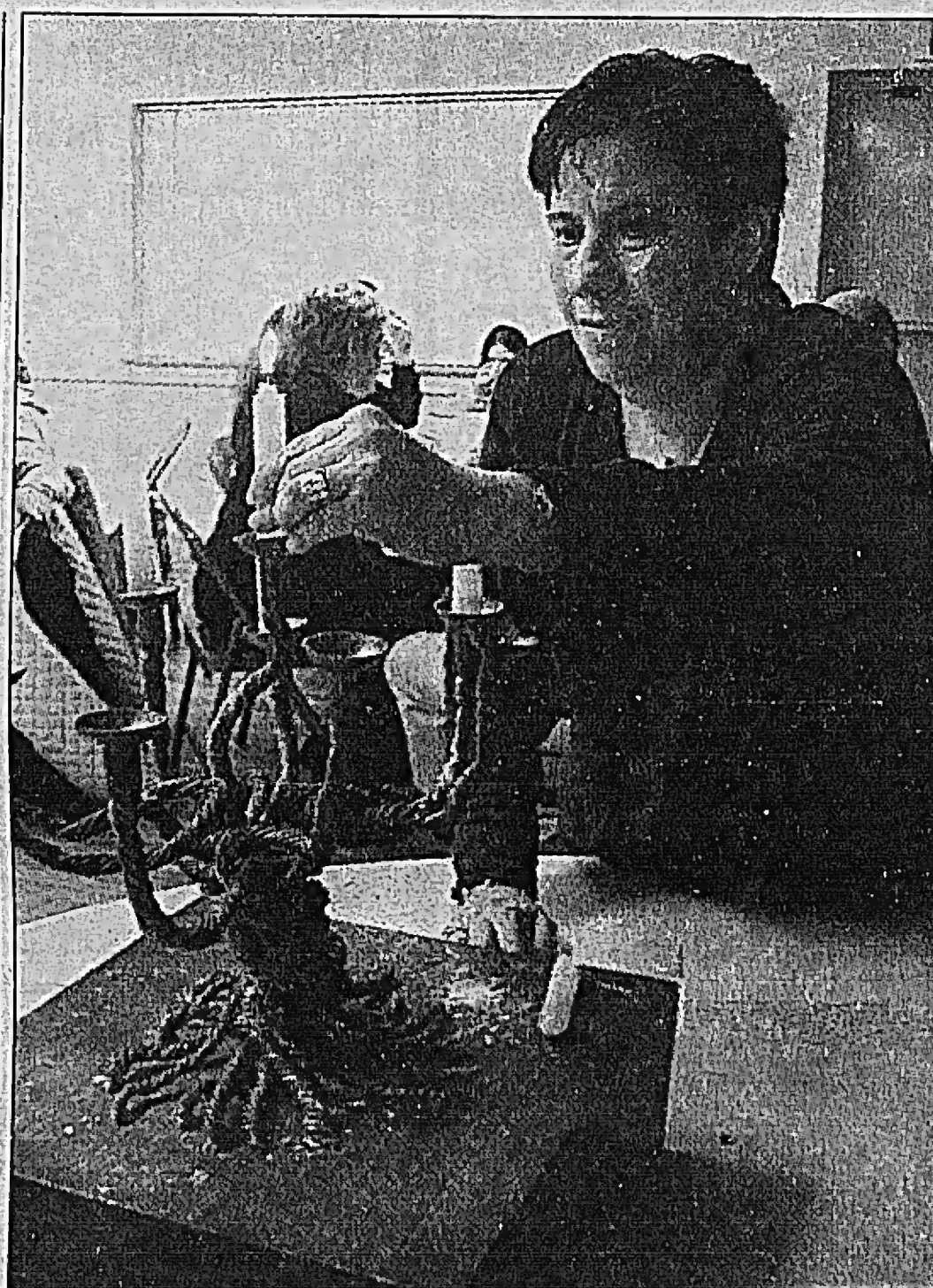
Eric Skoog

"The committee will have to establish what increase it will be seeking, but it won't be less than the \$.58," Superintendent John Hunt said, previously. "It can't be. We would like for it to stay at the \$.58, but we'll have to see."

For the last election, the committee never looked at the possibility of making cuts to keep the budget in check in the event the referendum failed. Hunt said, "We'll have to do that this time."

During the last election, all three Antioch elementary districts had educational fund referenda on the ballot and authorities from all three districts blamed the state and its lack of support, for part of their woes. "Illinois is 49 out of 50 states for the resources it offers in education," said Eric Skoog, principal of Antioch Upper Grade School, which is part of Antioch Community Consolidated District 34. "Illinois is number 49 and North Dakota is number 50."

"Our problems are not because we're overpaying teachers," Skoog added. "Starting salaries at our school are 26 out of 29 in Lake County. It's difficult to attract the best teachers when 25 districts can pay them more money than we can."



Let there be light

Laura Harari, a Congregation Am Echod member and wife of Rabbi Zeev Harari, leads singing at the lighting of the Hanukkah Candle at the Hanukkah Party at the Thor Neumann Civic Center in Lindenhurst.— Photo by Lynn Gunnarson Dahlstrom

2004 Chamber schedule in place

Winter exposition is taken off schedule

By JULIE MURPHY
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Despite some controversy over closing the Orchard Street extension, Antioch's Chamber of Commerce and Industry has approved an events schedule for 2004.

The summer Arts and Crafts Faire is scheduled for June 19-20, Taste of Summer for July 22-25 and the Fall Arts and Crafts Faire for Sep. 11-12.

The big news is what has been eliminated from this year's offerings. Come February, there will be no Million-Dollar Expo. The chamber was unable to find a venue for the event this year.

"In the past, we've held this at the high school," said Barbara Porch, executive director. "The school was too busy this year with sports and other events of their own for us to get in this year."

Typically, the exposition would use both of Antioch Community High School's gymnasiums to showcase various businesses, service oriented as well as merchants, in an event that was free to the public.

"It's a shame that we will not be able to provide this service to our residents this year," Porch said. "This event has always provided a lot of good information in addition to being a fun day."

Prior to bringing the proposed schedule to the village board for approval, trustees and members of the chamber's board reportedly met to discuss ideas to enhance the upcoming year's events.

Trustee Mary Turner said she had been unable to attend the meeting but was concerned about closing the Orchard Street extension. "There are people who live on the east side of town who use that," she said. "I know there won't be the issue with

the railroad tracks (construction and road closures), but it's inconvenient."

Porch said the chamber has always worked to limit the inconveniences felt by residents and would continue to do so.

Mayor Taso Maravelas lauded the events, their success, and their positive impact on the village. He said, "More people come into our village for these events than any other. We're only closing that road for seven days out of 365."

Trustees Larry Hanson and Dorothy Larson said that when decisions had been made to build the bandshell off Skidmore and move the warm-weather events to that location, the size and scope of the events had been smaller.

Trustee Scott Pierce said, "On the whole, while people are attending the events, it works much better. There's a better feel. As time goes by, we'll learn and it will improve. It's an asset to have these events there."

Village announces 2004 regular meeting schedule

By JULIE MURPHY
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An annual schedule of meetings for the board of directors of the village of Antioch has been determined and announced for 2004.

As in years past, meetings are scheduled for the first and third Mondays of each month. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of Village Hall, located at 874 Main St.

Only one meeting is scheduled for the months of July and August and will be held on the third Monday, July 19 and Aug. 16, respectively.

Meetings that would typically fall during a Monday holiday have been moved to Tuesday. Tuesday meetings are as follows: Jan. 20, Feb. 17 and Sept. 7.

The complete meeting schedule for 2004 is Jan. 5 and 20, Feb. 2 and 17, March 1 and 15, April 5 and 19, May 3 and 17, June 7 and 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 7 and 20, Oct. 4 and 18, Nov. 1 and 15 and Dec. 6 and 20.

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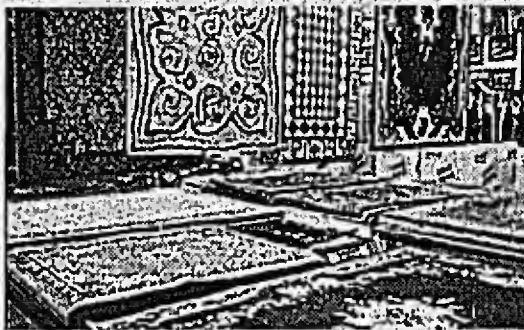
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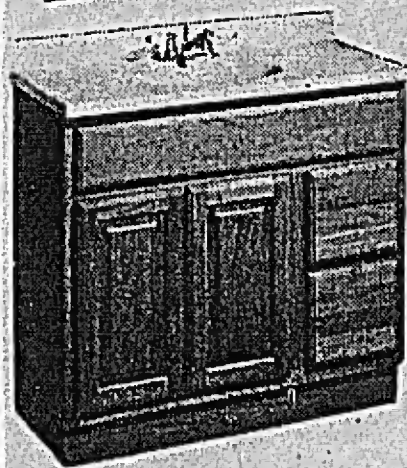
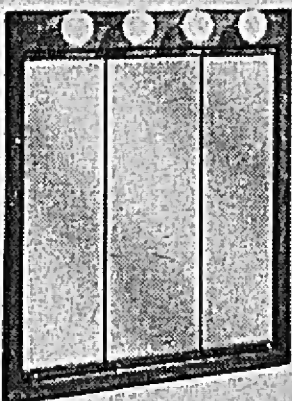


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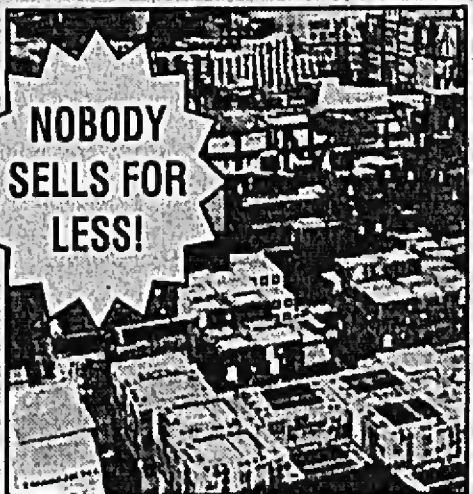
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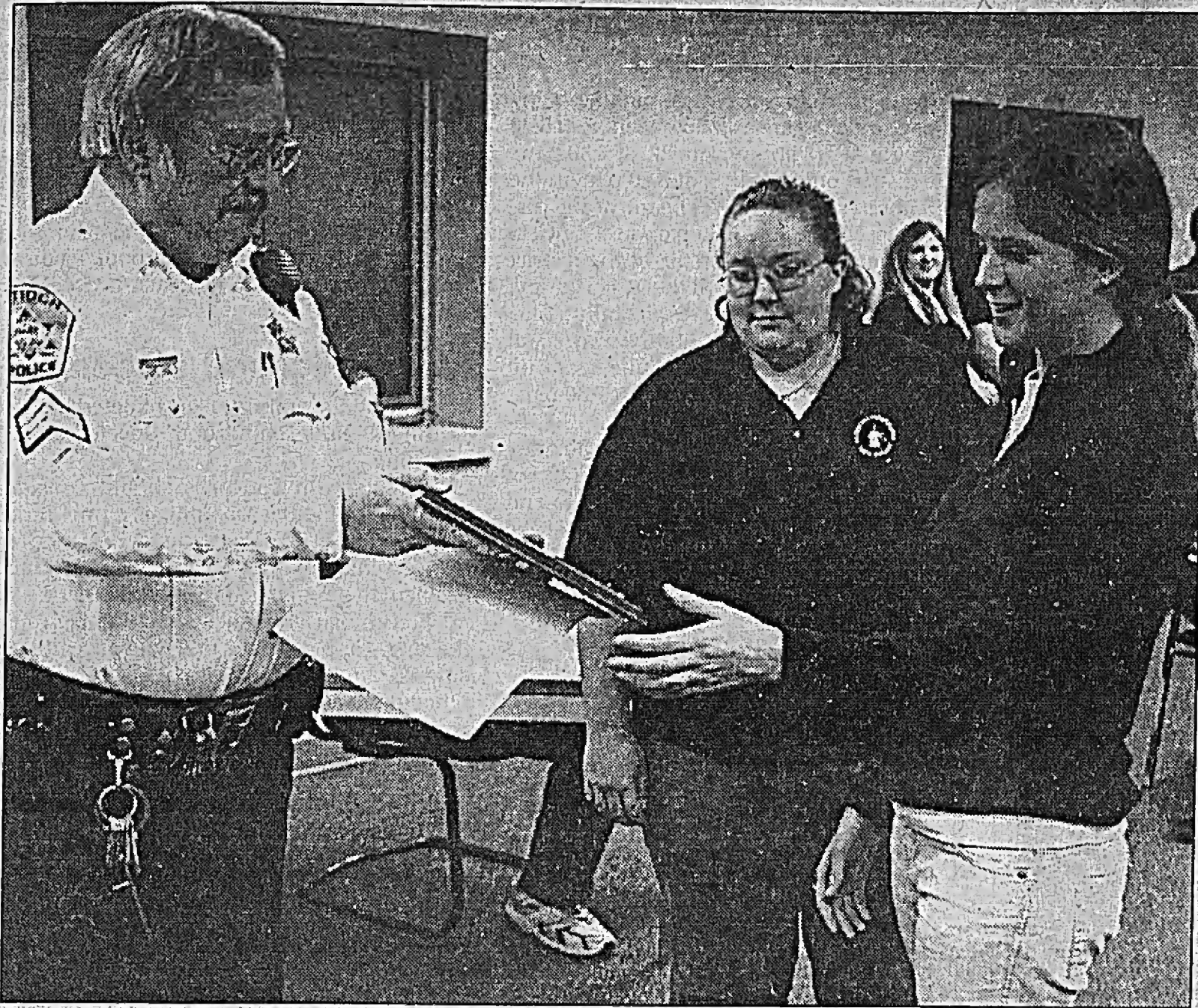
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Antioch Police Sgt. Jim Hession awards plaques to teen court volunteers Meghan Thomas (center) and Elizabeth Andrew for their years of service to the program. Both Thomas, now a student at the College of Lake County, and Andrew, a freshman at Illinois State University, have been involved with teen court since it began in 1999.— Photo by Sandy Bressner

Teens make difference in court

Meghan Thomas, Elizabeth Andrew dedicated selves to justice

By JULIE MURPHY
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Two young ladies who have been actively involved with Antioch's Teen Court program since its inception in 1999 were honored for their efforts and sense of duty in helping other teens stay on the straight and narrow.

Sgt. Jim Hession of the Antioch Police Department presented Meghan Thomas and Elizabeth Andrew with plaques acknowledging their dedication and service. He said the pair were involved even before the first court session took place in July of 2000.

"Nearly every single third Tuesday, they've been here and we could count on them," he said. "Thank you for your years of participation and leadership."

Teen Court is a volunteer program that allows a first-time juvenile misdemeanor offender (non-violent) between the ages of 12 and 16 years old an alternative to the traditional justice system.

"Children make mistakes because they're just kids," Hession said. "This program is recognized by the courts, but it gives us some other options in dealing with these kids."

Hession said it's a big commitment and responsibility as Teen

'It can be harder to face peers than adults. Offenders don't just walk away. If you don't successfully complete the program, you may go to juvenile court'

Sgt. Jim Hession

Court typically carries a full docket of eight new cases and eight follow-up cases, but he added that it's not easy for the offenders going through the system either.

"It can be harder to face peers than adults," Hession said. "It's not

meant to be easy. Offenders don't just walk away. If you don't successfully complete the program, you may go to juvenile court."

Teens assume the roles of jurors, attorneys and bailiff, and the jury asks questions to the defendant before deliberating and issuing a sentence.

Sentences range from community service, written essays, workshops, letters of apology and decision-making classes. The defendant must return on an assigned date with verification that the sentence has been completed.

Teen Court is confidential. Friends of the offender are not permitted to serve as jurors and must disqualify themselves if they are friends of a listed offender for that court session.

Hession said, "These girls, who are both in college now, decided early on that they wanted to make a difference and got involved with Teen Court. We really appreciate them and what they have done."

Bikes get second chance

By JULIE MURPHY
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Unclaimed bicycles in Antioch will have a second chance to be useful and spread joy as the Antioch Police Department donated dozens of them to St. Peter's for further distribution throughout the community.

"Chief Chuck Fagan had asked surrounding churches if they were interested in the unclaimed bicycles," said Lt. Ron Roth. "St. Peter's took them."

Claudette Skvarce, a parishioner who heads the annual rummage sale said, "We're taking the ones that are in working order and giving them to children who either don't have a bicycle, or could

maybe use a bigger one. The ones that are only good for parts can be sold at our rummage sale next summer."

According to Roth, Fagan wanted to find a better use for as many of the 50 some odd bikes that had accumulated in the past year.

"It was his idea to find a good use for these bikes," Roth said. "Especially with Christmas coming. There families who want these bikes."

Skvarce concurred and said the church knew of families who were looking for bikes.

Not all of the bikes have been placed in new homes. Any family interested in trying to find a match should call the office of social justice at 847-395-0309.



Lindenhurst Police Officer Sandy Keller and Anderomeda King, 16, share some "girl-talk" while shopping at Wal-Mart in Gurnee. This was the second year for Lindenhurst's Shop-with-a-Cop event.

Shop with a cop fun

By BRENDA BALIN-BEITSCHER
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In Lindenhurst, there's so much fun, as holidays have just begun. The movies offer "Cat in Hat," and all the stores have jumped on that.

But when it comes to local joy, the kind that's great for girl or boy, there isn't very much that tops a trip to go and shop with cops.

The party first began at five, with magic performed right there, live. Rebecca Albrecht, C.S.O., found money in her pocket, though she really wasn't very clear on how the magic put it there.

Magic Mark's amazing feats were capped by lots of tasty treats. Cookies, chips, pizzas and pops were served to kids and moms and cops.

As if it couldn't get much keener, the kids spent time with Mister Meanor. (For those who do not know this fact, Meanor is the police cat.) The

kids found Meanor cute and funny, then went to Wal-Mart to spend money.

One hundred dollars each, to spend. (When young, you think that will not end.)

Still there were lots for girls and boys: some clothing, dolls and other toys. And some of them were more than glad to spend some cash on Mom and Dad.

The children thought no one was "sweller" than Police Officer Sandy Keller. This year, she was the one who planned, and everything was really grand.

The money came from everywhere. The community showed that it cares. Last year was when this first was done, and everyone had so much fun.

For those who look ahead a year, donations are accepted here: Lindenhurst Police Shop-with-a-Cop, 2300 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst, IL 60046.

Practice goodwill, safety through the holidays

Seniors living in Mill View Apartments got a special treat for the annual holiday meal.

Resident Joyce Hill said that, traditionally, each pitches in \$5 for a Christmas dinner that generally consists of fast food. This year she said Joe Pechulis, owner of Harbor Lights and the son of one of the residents, prepared a spread of gourmet delights.

"We had everything," said Hill. "It was such a treat, and he was so wonderful for him to do that for us. We were really able to have a feast."

Hill said that she, on behalf of the residents of Mill View, wanted to thank Pechulis for his generosity.

With New Year's Eve fast approaching, one more reminder about candle safety never hurts.

Antioch Fire Chief Dennis Volling released the following statistics and candle safety tips:

"There is a need for everyone to understand that a candle's grace and beauty comes from an open flame," said Volling. "This open



OUR TOWN

Julie Murphy

flame, when left unattended can cause serious harm and accounts for over 11,600 fires in homes, 1200 injuries and 156 deaths nationwide. While other causes for home fires have decreased, the percentage caused by candles is on the rise, with over 43 percent of the holiday season fires linked directly to candles."

Never leave a candle burning while napping or at bedtime.

Keep candles away from items that can catch fire such as clothing, books, paper and curtains.

Do not place lit candles in windows where blinds or curtains can close over them.

Place candles on a secure piece of furniture in a holder that will not

tip over. Make sure candleholders are non-combustible, and will collect dripping wax.

Keep candles out of reach of children. Keep matches and lighters high and out of sight.

Never leave a candle unattended in a room with a child or family pet.

During a power outage, if you must use a candle, avoid carrying a lit candle. Never go into a closet to look for things with a lit candle, or use them as a light source when fueling items such as a kerosene heater or lantern.

"Nearly half of all candle fires start in the bedroom," Volling said, but he was quick to add that candle fires are not limited to one specific area of a home, and there is no single contributing factor to candle fires.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Julie Murphy at 847-223-8161, ext. 600 or e-mail, moorfie@ix.netcom.com

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SCHOOL DIGEST

'Shop and Shares' support AMPS

The final "Shop and Shares" taking place at the Antioch Jewel to support AMPS (ACHS Music and Performance Sponsors) will be held Dec. 29-31.

For information on how to get a coupon to participate (no more difficult than any regular shopping trip), call Sue Latino at 847-838-7785.

Historical society offers scholarships

The Lakes Region Historical Society is

offering a \$1,000 scholarship to those who are interested in pursuing history or museum-related fields at the college level.

Information packets are available at the School House Museum, the high school guidance office or by calling scholarship chair Regina Reynolds at 847-838-0564.

Applicants will be required to complete a 20-hour service project through the historical society. Those eligible for the scholarship include high school seniors, current college students, individuals going back to school and graduate level students.

The money can be used for either books or tuition.



Fly high

Commander Bill Oerly of Antioch Sequoit Post 4551 gives U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Michael Hay an American flag and POW/MIA flag to take with him as he was deployed to the Middle East. His crew will sign the American flag and return it to the VFW upon return home.

2004 high school board meetings scheduled

Regular meetings for the remainder of the school year (2004) are as follows: Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office; Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office; March 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; March 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office; April 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; April 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office; May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; May 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office; June 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS library; June 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the district office.

Meetings are always held on Thursday evenings and rotate between the library of Antioch Community High School (ACHS) and the district office located in the Antioch-Lake Villa Township Center on Deep Lake Road, just north of Grass Lake Road, in Lake Villa.

Yearbook staff seeks pictures

Emmons School yearbook staff welcomes

submitted pictures from parents, grandparents, friends or siblings that show Emmons students and that would be appropriate for the yearbook.

The staff asks that pictures be clear and not blurry. Pictures will not be returned so do not send anything that will be missed or for which there is not a duplicate.

Pictures should be sent to the school via students or regular mail to: Yearbook Pictures, Emmons School, 24226 W. Beach Grove Road, Antioch, IL 60002.

Early childhood screening

Antioch Community Consolidated District 34 offers early childhood developmental screening.

Parents with concerns should consider this. Developmental screening is a brief series of activities and observations designed to identify children who may have a potential problem that requires further assessment.

Screening is available to children between the ages of 3-5 years old and who have not yet entered kindergarten within District 34. To schedule an appointment, call the special education office at 847-838-8422.

Deputies on DUI watch

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Highway Patrol Division will focus on drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs this holiday season.

Sheriff Gary Del Re said, "Lake County deputies will step up concentration in the area of DUI enforcement during normal patrol hours. It is our sincere hope that such enforcement helps reduce the number of alcohol related accidents and fatalities."

According to Del Re, during this past year, 25 fatal accidents occurred resulting in 27 deaths. Almost half of these accidents involved the use of alcohol and/or drugs.

Statistics from the National Highway Traffic Administration found that in 2002, 17,400 human lives were taken in alcohol-

related accidents across the United States.

"The sheriff's office recognizes that the holiday season is meant for celebrating and gathering amongst friends and family," Del Re said. "Our hope is that those who do participate in alcohol related festivities have the common sense not to drive under the influence."

Deputies assigned to patrol all of the Lake County districts will be monitoring drivers who may be DUI or who may be displaying other illegal behaviors such as transporting open liquor, violating driver's license laws, operating unsafe vehicles or violating safety belt and child passenger restraint laws.

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Warrant arrest

Steven J. Mica, 46, of 4621 Ringwood Road, Ringwood, was arrested on warrant on Dec. 18 at 8:24 a.m. on Main Street at North Avenue.

He was stopped for not having valid vehicle registration. A check of his identifiers through LEADS/NCIC came back with information that he had an active warrant through the McHenry County Sheriff's Office for contempt of court carrying a \$200 cash bond.

He was arrested and issued citations for not having valid registration and for operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a signature for those charges pending a Jan. 28 court date.

Mica posted the \$200 cash bond and was assigned a Dec. 29 court date.

Quentin J. Williams, 18, of 237 Fern Court, Fox Lake, was arrested on warrant on Dec. 17 at 9:17 p.m. on Route 173 at Route 59.

During a traffic stop, police became suspicious of the passenger's (Williams) body language and gesturing and requested identification. Williams reportedly told police he had just been released from the Department of Corrections.

His identifiers were checked through LEADS/NCIC with information coming back that there was an active warrant through DuPage County for failure to appearing carrying \$5,000 bond (10 percent applies).

Williams was arrested. He was unable to post bond and arrangements were made for DuPage County officials to pick him up at the Lake County Jail.

Suspended driver's license

Juan F. Ortega, 56, of 1926 Linden Ave., Waukegan, was arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license on Dec. 18 at 1:33 a.m. on Route 173 east of Talman.

He was stopped for defective taillights and when his identifiers were checked through LEADS/NCIC, information came back that his driver's license was suspended.

Ortega was arrested and issued citations

for driving while suspended and driving with defective taillights. He was released on personal recognizance pending his Jan. 28 court date.

Dena R. Felker, 48, of 92117 Marion, Morton Grove, was arrested for driving while suspended on Dec. 16 at 8:23 p.m. on Route 173 west of Savage Road.

She was stopped for crossing the fog line several times. Felker told police her driver's license might be suspended, which was confirmed through LEADS/NCIC.

She was arrested and issued citations for improper lane usage, driving while suspended and the operation of a vehicle with suspended registration. She was released on personal recognizance pending her Jan. 28 court date.

LAKE VILLA

Suspicious circumstances

Lake Villa Police responded to a call on Dec. 15 at 10:41 p.m. from a resident of 151 N. Milwaukee Ave. The resident said that he heard a thumping noise at his door at 8:15 p.m., and at 8:50 p.m. he opened the door and found a knife and a folded letter on the floor in front of his apartment. The note was threatening. Neither the man nor his family members have any knowledge of the person or motive behind the articles left at his door.

LINDENHURST

DUI

Patrick A. Wendricks, 45, of 40893 N. Park Ave., Antioch, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 15, at 11:56 p.m., while driving northbound on Route 45 near Falling Waters. Police observed the driver crossing over the double yellow centerline twice. He reportedly had an odor of alcohol on his breath. He failed five of five field sobriety tests, and a breath test yielded a result of .176 BAC. He admitted to drinking five beers. He was charged with improper lane usage, DUI and DUI over .08 BAC. He was released on a \$3,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 13, at 9 a.m.

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Graceland Baptist Church, 258 Ida St., Antioch, IL. Sunday School 11am., Morning Worship 11am., Sunday Evening 7pm. Robert Williams, Pastor.

First Church of Christ, Scientist & Reading Rm. Rte 173 and Harden, Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1196. Sunday School, Sunday Church Service 10:30am, Wednesday, 7:30pm.

Beautiful Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, worshipping at Antioch/Lake Villa Township Center, 1625 Deep Lake Rd. Pastor Darold Gruen, Phone (847) 265-2450. Sunday Worship at 9am, Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Classes 10:30am.

Heritage Lutheran Church, Lindenhurst Civic Center, 1949 Old Elm Rd., Lindenhurst. (847) 356-1766. Sunday service 10:00 am, Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 am. (summer schedule - 9:00 am Sunday) Rev. Mark W. Anderson, Pastor.

St. Ignatius Episcopal, 500 Depot St. Antioch Phone (847) 395-0652. Low Mass 7:30am., High Mass 9:30am Sunday School & Nursery 9:30am. Rev. Vincent Eckholm, Pastor.

Antioch Evangelical Free Church, 750 Highview Dr. Phone (847) 395-4117. Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00am, Sunday School for all ages, infant thru adult, 9:30am. Children's Church 11am. Awana, Youth, Women's Ministries, Men's Ministries, Growth Groups, Seniors. Senior Pastor David M. Groleau.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1155 Hillside Ave. Phone (847) 395-3359. Sunday Worship, 8:00, 9:30, 10:45am. Rev. Roger Black, Pastor. Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm

Christian Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church, 41625 Deep Lake Rd., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-8572. Sunday School (all ages) 9am., Sunday Morning Worship 10am., Children's Church 10am., Sunday Evening Worship 6:30pm., Wednesday Worship & Children's Program 7am., Tues. Women's Fellowship & Bible Study 9-11:30am. Jeff Brussaly, Pastor.

Antioch Baptist Church, 817 Holbeck Dr., Antioch, Phone (847) 769-5332. Sunday Morning Worship 10:15am., Sunday evening Service 6:00pm., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm. Pastor Ken Foster.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran, 1275 Main St., Phone (847) 395-1660. Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30am., Sunday School 9:25am., Mon. Worship 7:00pm Pastors Gregory Hermanson & Aaron Christie. Christian Day School (847) 395-1664.

Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ, Grass Lake Rd. at Rte. 45, Phone (847) 356-5237. Sunday Service 10am. Children's Program 10am. Rev. Paul R. Meltzer, Pastor.

Antioch United Methodist Church, 848 Main St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1259. Rev. Gary Curl, Pastor. Sunday Worship 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's church and Sunday School. Adult Groups at 9:15 a.m. Nursery care for children through 3 years of age from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

St. Peter's Church, 557 W. Lake St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-0274. Masses weekdays, 7:30am; Sunday 6:30, 8, 9:30, 11:30am & Saturday 5:30pm. Rev. Father Ronald H. Anglim, Pastor.

Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church, 23201 W. Grass Lake Rd., Antioch, Phone (847) 838-0103. Sunday Worship 8:15 and 11:00. Sunday School 9:45. Children's Church 11:00. Youth, Women's, Awana & Small Group ministries.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), 25100 W. Grand Ave. (Rte. 59 & 132), Lake Villa. (847) 356-5158. Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45am; Sunday School (3 and up) and Bible Study 9:30am. Christian Preschool. Rev. John Zellmer, Pastor.

Lighthouse Church of Antioch, 554 Parkway Ave., Antioch, IL (847) 838-0616. Saturday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Adventure Club for Kids, Adult Bible Study Saturday Evening 6:00 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evening PTSD Support Group 7:00 p.m. Senior Pastor Tom Bartner.

NorthBridge Church, A Contemporary Worship Experience. Meeting at Antioch Community High School, 1133 Main St., Antioch, (847) 838-9370, www.northbridgechurch.org. Service Sunday - 10:30am, Children's Classes (K-5) - 10:30 am. Mark Albrecht, Senior Pastor.

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Sending home for the holidays

For those who could not come home for the holidays, Dr. Debra Rentner, the village chiropractor, took it upon herself to spread a little holiday cheer to the residents, relatives and friends of Antioch who are serving in Iraq.

She collected travel size containers of toothpaste, baby powder, and hand lotion as well as flat containers of baby wipes, queen-size pantyhose, candy, dried fruit, sunflower seeds, nuts, beef jerky, meats and cheeses that don't require refrigeration, crackers (and cash to purchase these items) to make up care packages to show support.

The village board voted to donate \$250 to the cause. Additionally, individual letters of support from Mayor Taso Maravelas, the trustees and the village administrator were included in the care package.

In addition to the village of Antioch, the following organizations and individuals made donations: Maravelas, Double Eagle Restaurant, Something Sweet, Fantastic Sam's, BJ's Fashions, Designer Flooring, Jack Fields of Remax, Dr. Jim Orticelli, Mike and Karen Perrone, Colette Fleming, Peter Lezeau, Jay Gilliland, Malin Construction and Arlene Gaffrig.

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Parks department offers new programs for 2004

The Antioch Parks and Recreation Department is adding several new programs for a year of fun and fitness in 2004. Several of these programs begin shortly after the first of the year, so the time is ripe to sign up now.

"We're offering many new and exciting programs at and through The Jungle Gym II, located in Antioch," said Laurie Stahl, parks director. "Among the classes are Iceless Hockey, Sports Conditioning, Hatha Yoga and Basketball."

Several of the classes are geared toward children, with hatha yoga being specifically designated for adults.

This class will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays from Jan. 6 through Feb. 23. It is said to be more than just an exercise, but a holistic experience to rejuvenate the mind, body and spirit with the focus being on alignment and breathing techniques that promote concentration, relaxation and flexibility.

Iceless hockey is offered to children between the ages of 5-12 years old on

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. The class begins on Jan. 6 and runs through Feb. 26, and offers fun without the pressure of having to win games.

Sticks and pucks will be provided, but participants must supply their own goggles.

Junior basketball will immediately follow iceless hockey from 7-8 p.m. on the same dates, and for the same age group of children. Clean gym shoes must be worn.

The Rhino Club is a sports conditioning class for those between the ages of 9-18 years old. Weight training, stretching, plyometrics, agility training and speed drills are combined to provide a workout to enhance all sports.

The class runs on Mondays and Fridays from Jan. 5 through Feb. 27 from 6-7 p.m. No special equipment is required.

For more information about price and availability, call 847-395-2160 or stop by the Antioch Parks and Recreation Department at 806 Holbek, across the street from the Senior Center.

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LOCAL DIGEST

Screening can reduce risk of stroke

A good way to ring in the new year is to take 10 minutes to screen for and, therefore, reduce the risk of stroke.

Residents living in and around Antioch can register for an appointment for the tests when Life Line Screening comes to St. Peter Church on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2004.

Life Line reports that 75 percent of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage. It screens these arteries to determine stroke risk.

Anyone over the age of 40 years old is encouraged to participate. This program is open to the public.

Each of the three vascular tests is \$45. Complete vascular screening is \$99.

Osteoporosis screening is \$35, separately or can be added to the vascular screening for a total cost of \$125.

Pre-registration is required. Early morning appointments are said to fill first.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 800-407-4557. St. Peter Church is located at 557 Lake Street, by the Jewel store.

Garden club hosts regular meetings through June

Antioch Garden Club meets the first Monday of the month, September through June at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 848 Main Street, Antioch.

Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information call (847) 395-1202.

VFW offers fish fry

Antioch VFW Post 4551 has started having a fish fry on Friday nights from 4-8 p.m.

In addition to cod, perch and shrimp the menu offers burgers and chicken strips. Dinners are served with French fries or a baked potato, in a limited quantity, and coleslaw bread and butter.

Cost varies from about \$3-8, depending on the fish or meat.

For more information, call 847-395-5393.

Community band seeks members

Lakes Area Community Band, a 40-mem-

ber band comprised of musicians from Lake, McHenry & Kenosha counties, is currently seeking musicians high school age and older in all sections. Practices take place on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Antioch Community High School band room.

New members are welcome. No auditions are required. For more information, call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272.

Bingo held at VFW Hall

The Antioch VFW sponsors bingo every Tuesday night at the VFW Hall on North Ave. from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The public is welcome. Pull tabs are available, and there is a new lightning game. For more information call 847-395-5393.

Kiwanis hold Tuesday meetings

Antioch Kiwanis meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Double Eagle Restaurant on Route 59 and Lake Street at noon for a one-hour meeting.

Kiwanis is an international service organization that strives to meet the needs of its communities and address world issues by "serving the children of the world."

For more information, call 847-838-6500 or 847-395-7385.

Knights of Columbus meet

Knights of Columbus (Father Henderson Council 3800) meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Father Frawley Hall, located in the basement of St. Peter Church.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic Family Fraternal service organization that volunteers time and money to charitable and benevolent causes. Practicing Catholic men over the age of 18 years old are eligible to join.

For more information, call St. Peter Church Rectory at 847-395-0274.

CPR classes held

The Antioch Rescue Squad and the Antioch Fire Dept. offer CPR classes to the public at the Antioch Fire Dept. located at 835 Holbeck Dr.

For more information or to make reservations, call 847-395-5511.

NEIGHBORS

Name: Jim Michalak

Home: McHenry

Occupation: Store manager, Butera Finer Foods, Lindenhurst

I'm originally from: Chicago

I graduated from: Edwin Foreman High School in Chicago

My family consists of: Wife, Carole, son, James Craig, 26, and daughter, Danielle Leigh, 22.

My pets are: A Siberian husky

What I like best about Lindenhurst: A down-to-earth, homey environment

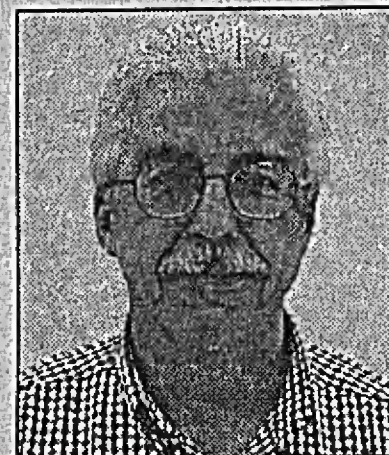
What I like best about my job: The employees. Together, we are creating a family style environment.

The secret to my success is: Being honest and enjoying life

I relax by: I don't take my work home. I enjoy spending time on the lake in my boat.

Last book I read: I mostly read marketing journals.

If you have a "Neighbor" that you would like to see profiled in this column, call Lakeland Newspapers at 847-223-8161.



Favorite TV show: I don't have time to watch much TV.

Favorite movie: "Blue Hawaii," with Elvis Presley

Favorite band or musician: Beach Boys, Elvis

Favorite restaurant: My own kitchen

Favorite food: My wife's stuffed cabbage and pork roast

My life's mottoes are: "Better to be seen and not heard" and "Less is more"

If I won the lottery, I would: Pay off my kids' college bills, set money aside for them and future grandchildren and travel with my wife

My greatest accomplishment is: Achieving success wherever I am

I want to be remembered as: Fair and honest

People who knew me in high school would say: "Boy! Did he melt down!"

Person I admire most: My uncle

Calendar

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A 14-day notice is requested for all items.

Friday, December 26

7:30-8:30 a.m., The Business Networking Group meets at Centre Lights Cafe next to Condell in Libertyville, call Dan at 847-803-9904

7-9 p.m., Support group for divorced or separated people. Child care provided at no cost. Held at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd. in Lake Villa. For details, call 847-356-6181

8-10 p.m., The Human Condition group of Marijuana Anonymous meets every Tues. and Fri. at CLC in Grayslake. Room location can be obtained from the information desk. For more info., call Joe at 262-862-6244

Saturday, December 27

Holiday Festival of Lights continues at Cuneo Museum and Gardens in Vernon Hills. Enjoy "A Winter Wonderland," as the grounds of the Cuneo Museum and Gardens provide a backdrop for this annual drive-through holiday light festival sponsored by the Village of Vernon Hills. The route is illuminated by millions of lights and dozens of animated light displays. \$5 per vehicle weekdays; \$7 per vehicle weekends. The event runs through January 4, 2004, and is closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Bring the whole family

Sunday, December 28

7-9 p.m., Open Gym at ACHS, cost \$2 (adults only)

7:30 p.m., Lake County Singles group meets at Dover Straits, on Rte. 45 in Mundelein. Cost is \$7, free buffet, speed dating, music and more. For info., call the hotline at 847-604-1840 or visit www.lakecountysingles.net

Monday, December 29

8 a.m.-Noon, Free blood pressure screening offered at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center, Lindenhurst, call 847-356-5900

12:45 p.m., Bingo held at The Antioch Senior Center, call 847-395-7120 for details

5:30 p.m., TOPS group meets in Lindenhurst at the Victory Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Services at 1050 Red Oak Lane on the first floor. Call Tina at 847-265-9364 or Flo at 847-356-4410

7-8:30 p.m., A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis Center, free support group for women victims of abuse meets in Vernon Hills, call 847-249-4450

7:30 p.m., Antioch Jaycees meet at Regency Inn, call 847-395-8035

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal at ACHS, call 847-395-6729

Tuesday, December 30

1 p.m., AARP (for adults 55 and older) meets at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr., for more info., call Sharon Nowak at 847-395-5068

6-8 p.m., Bariatric Treatment Centers (BTC) hosts a dance and exercise class downstairs at the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. (behind the fire station). For more info., call Karen at 847-395-6244

6:45 p.m., Antioch VFW Bingo, doors open 4:30 p.m., call 847-395-5393

7 p.m., Lake County Philatelic Society meets at the Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd. in Gurnee, call 847-244-4048

7 p.m., Antioch Public Library District Board meets at 757 N. Main St. Call 847-395-0874

7 p.m., Bicycle Club of Lake County meets at the Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W. Church St. Beginners, experts welcome. Call 847-604-0520

7:30-9 p.m., The Human Condition group of Marijuana Anonymous meets every Tues. and Fri. at CLC in Grayslake, room C-133. For more info., call Joe at 262-862-6244

Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Eve celebrated

Thursday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Friday, January 2

7:30 a.m., Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meets at the Hampton Inn in Gurnee. For info., call 847-249-3800

7-9 p.m., Support group for divorced or separated people. Child care provided at no cost. Held at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd. in Lake Villa. For details, call 847-356-6181

7:30 p.m., Lake County Camera Club meets at Gurnee Senior Citizen Center, SW corner of Washington St. and Almond Rd. in Gurnee, call 847-856-1583

Saturday, January 3

Noon, Christian Singles group meets at Wesley Church, 3601 N. Lewis Ave. in Waukegan. After the potluck, enjoy games. Bring a wrapped, white elephant item for a prize. For info., call 847-244-1632

Sunday, January 4

7-9 p.m., Open Gym at Antioch Community High School, cost \$2, adults only

Coming soon

January 5

8 a.m.-4 p.m., Auto/Truck Parts Swapmeet held at the Lake County Fairgrounds, Rte. 120 & Rte. 45 in Grayslake. Admission is \$6. For more info., call 630-876-1042 or visit skipsusa.com

January 11

2 p.m., "An Afternoon of Classical Guitar" presented by the Barrington Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago. Held at the Barrington Area Arts Council Gallery, 207 Park Ave. in Barrington. 16-year old classical guitarist Jennifer Ernst, a native of Highland Park, will open the program. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for guest. RSVP by Jan. 5, call 847-382-2613

January 14

11 a.m.-6 p.m., Antioch District 34 annual Blood Drive at Oakland Elementary School, Grass Lake and Deep Lake Rds. Walk-ins welcome, or call 847-838-8911 for an appointment or details

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LAST CALL

Rob Backus

Lake County loses a NFL legend

Lake County and the NFL lost a legend last week when Otto Graham passed away at the age of 82. While his unfortunate passing was given nationwide media attention, including a brief mention on SportsCenter, most people my age are probably asking, "Who's Otto Graham?"

That's unfortunate, given the role he had in shaping the game of football into what it is today—the most popular sport in America. In fact, Sports Illustrated writer Paul Zimmerman selected Graham as one of the six most influential quarterbacks in NFL history.

Let me take this opportunity to tell you a little about Graham, who was named Lakeland Newspapers' Lake County Athlete of the Century in 1999.

Otto Everett Graham, Jr. was born in Waukegan on Dec. 6, 1921. He excelled in athletics at a young age, starring on Waukegan's track, football and basketball teams, earning All-State honors in basketball his senior year.

Graham was Bo, before Bo was even a twinkle in his father's eye. It would actually be better to compare Graham to Jim Thorpe, the first famous multi-sport athlete.

Graham then attended Northwestern University as a three-sport athlete, playing baseball, football and basketball. In 1944 he

'It looks like I made the right choice.'

NFL Hall of Fame QB Otto Graham, on choosing football over basketball

earned All-American honors in football and basketball and was named the Western Conference's (now the Big Ten) MVP in hoops.

He also played a year of professional basketball with the Rochester Royals, before facing a tough decision.

"Basketball was my main sport," said Graham, in a 1999 interview with Lakeland. "But I couldn't play both (basketball and football) since they overlapped, so I chose football. It looks like I made the right choice."

In a 10-year pro football career, from 1946-1955, Graham led the Cleveland Browns to 10 consecutive league championship games, four in the All-American Football Conference and six in the National Football League. Graham's Browns won seven league titles, compiling a 105-17-4 record, a phenomenal .849 winning percentage.

In fact, it can be said that Graham saved his best for when it mattered most.

In the Cleveland's 30-28 victory over the Los Angeles Rams in the 1950 NFL Championship Game, Graham threw four touchdown passes. Four years later, Graham threw three TDs and ran for three more in a 56-10 shellacking of Detroit in the NFL title game. One year later, after coming out of a brief retirement, Graham went off the field a winner, running for two touchdowns and throwing two more in a 38-14 victory over the Rams, giving Graham his 7th, and final, league title.

Graham retired for good after that game, and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio in 1965. He is also a member of the Collegiate Football Hall of Fame, the Lake County High School Sports Hall of Fame and was the first inductee to the Waukegan Lions Club Hall of Fame.

In his 10-year career, Graham passed for over 23,000 yards, 175 touchdowns and a completion rate of 54 percent. He also scored 46 TDs on the ground.

Despite the numerous accolades, Graham remained humble, as I found out in an interview I had with him in 1999, crediting much of his success to Hall of Fame coach Paul Brown.

"(Brown's) off-season training program and his offense (the T-formation) made me a success," Graham said.

I'm sure Graham had at least a little to do with a career for the ages.

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Poor rebounding costs Grayslake in tourney

By ROB BACKUS
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The number 32, made famous by Earvin "Magic" Johnson, provided some magic of its own in the match-up between Grayslake and Lake Forest in the opening day of the Warren Holiday Tourney.

Grayslake's Kayla Ming and Lake Forest's Kristin Cartwright, both number 32, went nearly basket for basket in the first quarter.

Ming had eight first quarter points and Cartwright had six as Grayslake held an 11-8 lead after the opening quarter.

Ming opened the second quarter with a bucket and Cartwright answered back 22 seconds later, cutting the Rams' lead to 13-10.

With the game tied at 22-22 with less than a minute left in the half, the Scouts rattled off a 5-0 run, including a put-back off a missed free throw by Jorie Schuetz with 30 seconds left in the half, to give Lake Forest a 27-22 lead.

The offensive rebound from Schuetz was a harbinger of things to come for Grayslake, which was dominated on the boards.

Cartwright opened up the second half with a 3-point play to give Lake Forest a 30-22 lead, before Ming answered back with four straight points to cut the lead to 30-26.

Both players would cool off, as Ming finished with a game-high 23 points and Cartwright finished with 12.

Fortunately for Lake Forest, someone else stepped up, as Jenner Johnson scored 10 of her team-high 15 points in the third quarter. Johnson helped key a 12-4 run with a pair of three-pointers.

The Scouts held a 47-34 lead going into the fourth quarter and went on to win 54-47.

Also key in Grayslake's third quarter collapse were turnovers and rebounding.

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Grayslake's Bethany Russ looks for an open teammate in her team's 58-55 loss to Carmel in the Warren Holiday Tourney.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

Sequoit gymnasts looking for balance

By JOHN PHELPS
Lakeland Correspondent

Numbers are down, one of your best all-arounders and leaders goes down with an ankle injury and some of the team members are out of shape.

What do you do?

"The best we can," said Antioch head gymnastics coach Debbie Bessette. "It'll be a down year for the varsity—we only have four. But we have 17 on JV, so the future looks very promising. As for varsity this year, we'll just try and get as many individuals as possible to the State Meet."

Right off the bat, senior Amanda Wagener, a State qualifier on beam her freshman year, landed awkwardly during her floor exercise during the first meet of the season.

"We're a little banged up. Some of them lost some of their skills during the off-season. But we're working hard to get them back into shape," Bessette said.

One of the gymnasts that seems to be returning to top form is junior all-arounder Angel Simonini. Simonini, a State qualifier on vault last year, was up to her old tricks last week at the Conant Invite.

There, she had an 8.7 average in four events, giving her seventh place overall in the all-around.

"She's pretty focused this year," Bessette said. "She's a tremendous gymnast and good leader."

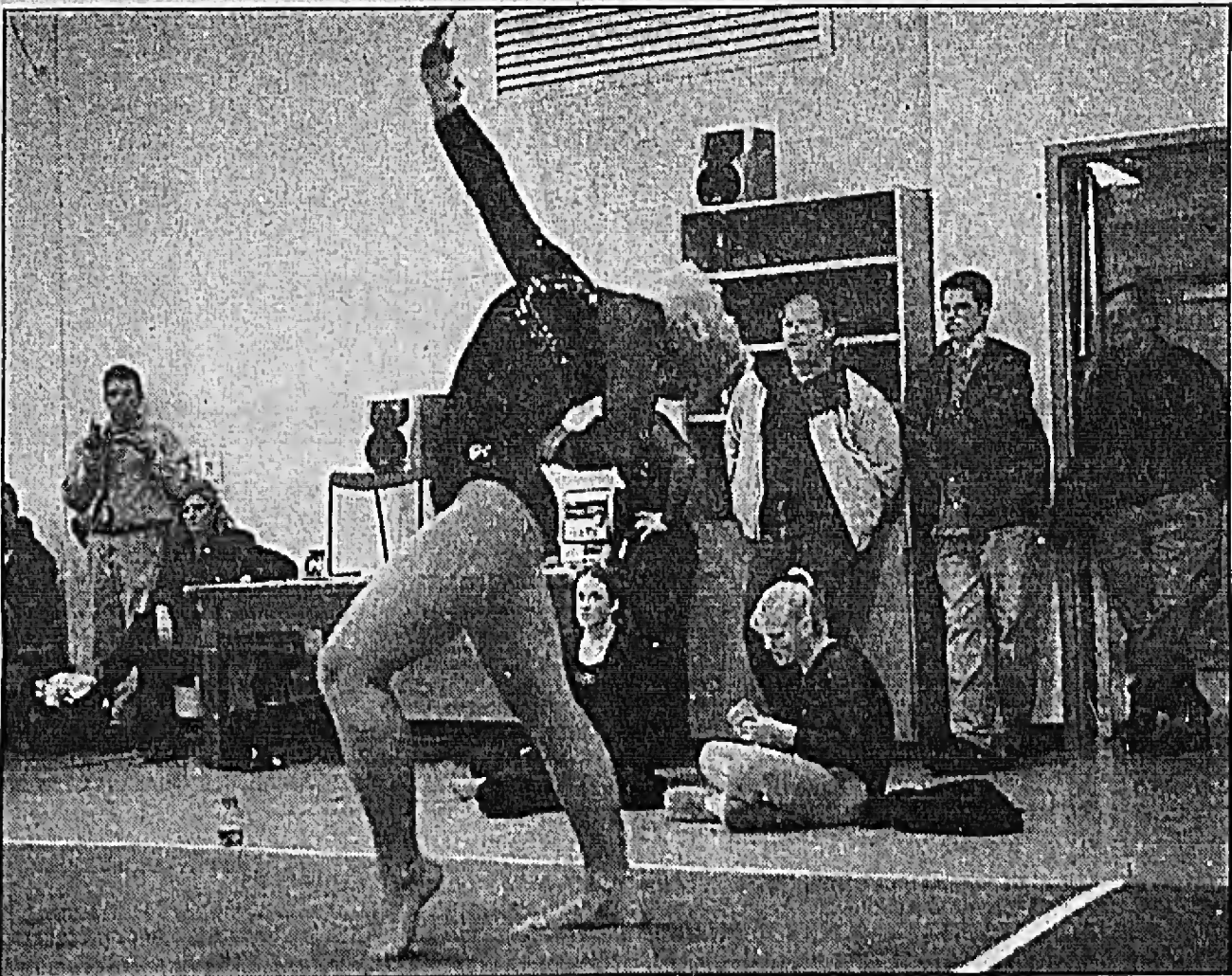
At Conant, Simonini posted an 8.45 on beam, an 8.1 on bars, and a 9.1 on the floor exercise.

At a triangular meet at Lake Forest the previous week, Simonini scored a career-best 36.9.

Until Wagener recovers, fellow all-arounders, junior Lindsey Anderson and sophomore Leslie Bailey will join her.

A few of the up-and-coming names you should also get used to hearing about include juniors Sarah Aredia, Kristi Peters and former Sequoit cheerleader Abby Churchill.

Aredia's specialty is the beam discipline, while Churchill's best event is floor and Peters the vault. Peters scored an 8.0 in that event at



Antioch's Angel Simonini finishes a tumbling pass on the floor exercise in a meet against Libertyville. Simonini won the floor competition with a 9.5 and the All-Around with a 37.45 but Antioch lost the meet to the Cats, 139.05-131.2.—Photo by Steve Young

the Scouts triangular.

Sophomores Jenny Young and Katie Miedona are also looking promising. Miedona is good on the vault. She had an 8.1 at Lake Forest. Young hopes to figure into the all-around rotation of things as the season progresses.

Other junior varsity members that will see varsity competition this season include freshman Stephanie Sherman and Amanda Hasto. Sherman's specialty is floor and beam, while Hasto's is primarily bars and floor.

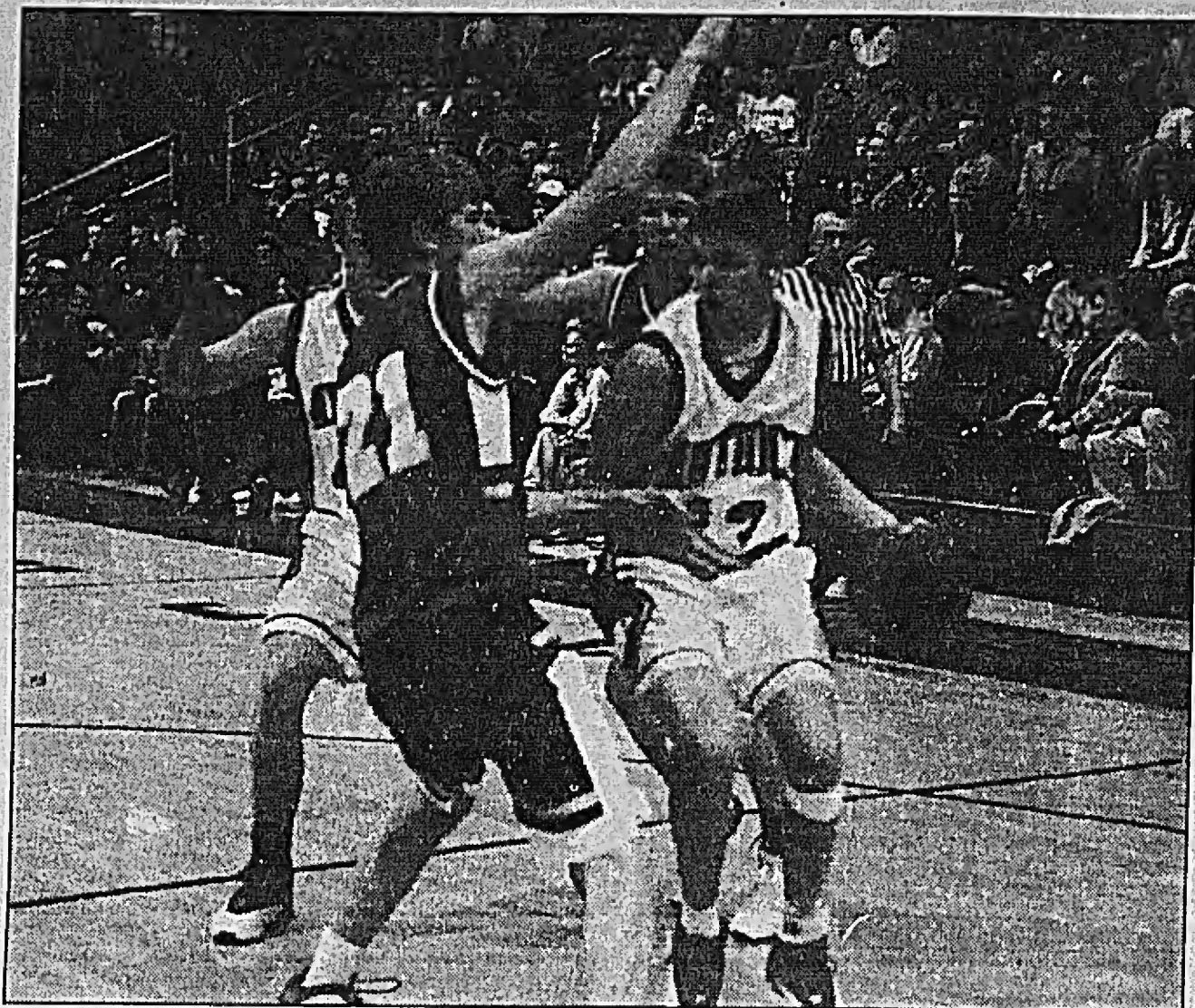
"As you can see, we have a bunch of specialists that are good on certain events," Bessette said. "We'll hope to gel by January, when all of the big meets roll around."

And yes, January will be a big month for the Sequoits. They will compete in the Westosha Invitational Jan. 10, followed by the Lake County Meet Jan. 17.

On a related note, Sequoit Pride was generous in donating a new vaulting table for practice purposes.

"It looks like a big tongue. There is a larger and softer area to take off from," Bessette said. "It should help the vaulters, especially Simonini. We're very thankful and appreciative to Sequoit Pride for helping out with that."

Also, Paul Blasko has joined Bessette as the Sequoits assistant coach this season.



White Shadow

Antioch's Kyle White attempts to drive past a Stevenson defender in his team's 62-47 loss to the Pats. It was White's first game back from injury, after twisting his ankle in the season opener, and he scored four points in limited action. Eric Lear led the Sequoits with 21 points. The difference in the game was the first half, in which Antioch scored just nine points, and trailed 33-9. The Sequoits attempted to come back in the second half, but Stevenson made 15-of-20 free throws down the stretch to seal the win. Antioch is now 3-6 overall and 0-3 in the NSC Lake division.—Photo by Steve Young

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TOURNEY

Going into the fourth quarter, Ming told the rest of the team, "We have to play defense before we can play offense."

And the key to playing defense, according to Grayslake coach Mike Hirsch, is to rebound.

"The way you play solid defense is to rebound," Hirsch said. "Lake Forest out-rebounded us, and they out-hustled us."

Lake Forest had a 43-25 advantage on the boards, including a 19-9 advantage on the offense glass.

"Our biggest thing is we need to box out," Ming said. "We're a short team, and you can't make us grow."

On his team's turnover-laden performance, Hirsch said: "We were careless and not very disciplined. We need to get back to basics."

Ming added: "We just rushed our passes."

The loss for Grayslake (9-3) came on the heels of a 58-55 loss to a tough Carmel

team in the opening game of the tournament.

Down 56-46 in the last three minutes of the game, Rachel Miner (10 points) hit three treys to cut the lead to 56-55 with seven seconds left.

Carmel's Jenny Eckhart then hit a pair of free throws to put her team up 58-55 and Miner missed a last-second three that would have sent the game into overtime.

Ming had 18 points and Erica Faden added 13 points in the loss.

"It was a good game and we were up for a while, but Carmel out-rebounded us again," Hirsch said. "The girls have to realize that we're the smallest team out there. We have some good athletes, we just need to be more focused."

Grayslake will attempt to bounce back in the second half of the tournament, starting on Dec. 26. The Rams will take on Deerfield on Dec. 26 at 5:30 p.m. and will face Warren on Dec. 27 at 3 p.m.

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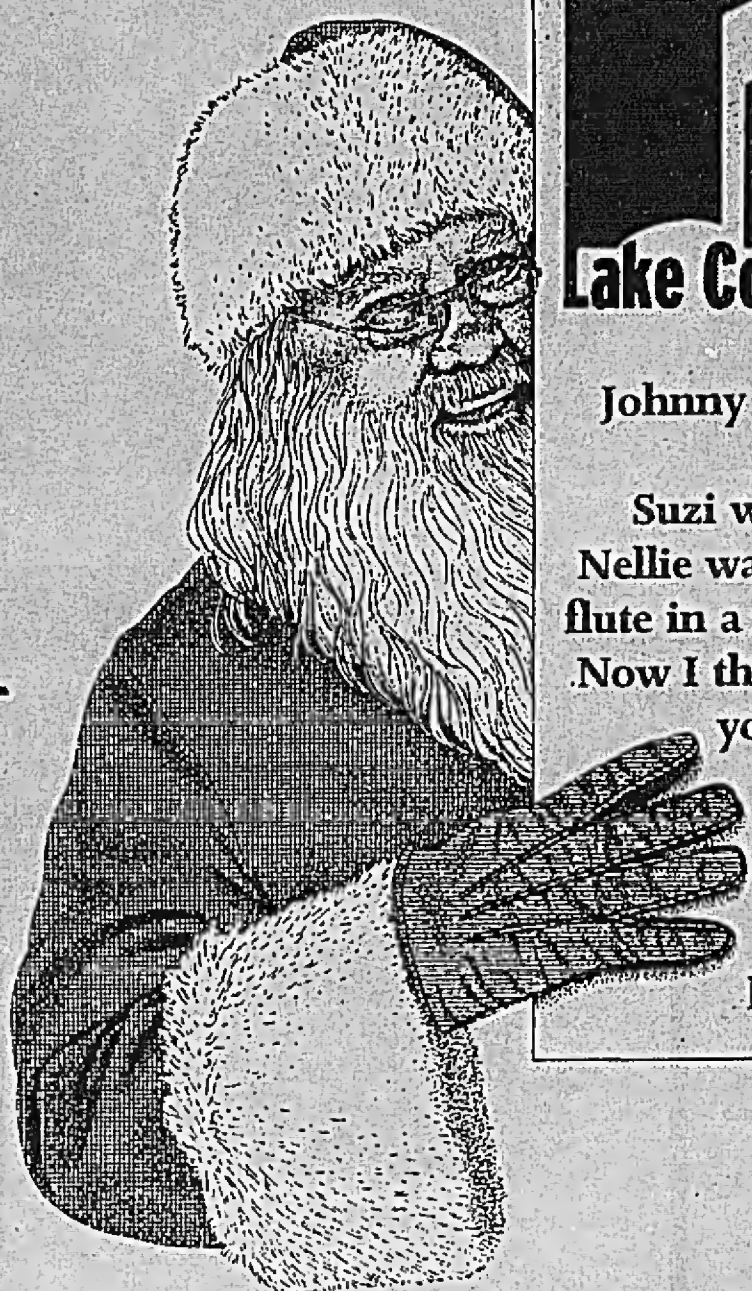
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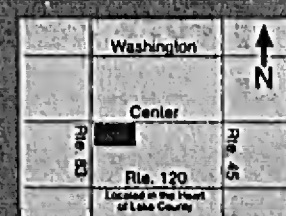
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Take notes

*Two singing groups spread
season's cheer with many shows*

Two singing groups may start from different points of Lake County, but they share the same mission this holiday season.

Village Singers of Lake Zurich singing group has enjoyed a busy Christmas season, performing for several audiences.

The group has a new name, as it was previously known as the Ela Singers, and a new home base, Good Shepherd Bible Church in Lake Zurich.

St. Mary of Vernon was the scene for one of its Christmas performances for homeless people.

"It is one of our favorite places. We feel like we are giving a gift to the homeless," said director Jeannine Saltman.

The group has 45 members from various Lake and Cook county suburbs.

The director, Saltman has a degree in music education and has taught voice lessons.

"I started the community chorus seven years ago. We still have our core group. We have members from all over, and they range in age from their 20s to 70s," Saltman said.



Jeannine Saltman (upper right) directs the Village Singers of the Village of Lake Zurich Park and Recreation Department during a rehearsal for the choral group's "A Village Christmas" concert at the Good Shepherd Bible Church in Lake Zurich earlier this month. For more information call 847-726-2011 or 847-540-5075.—Photos by Sandy Bressner

The group also sang before residents of The Park, a retirement facility in Vernon Hills. Traditional favorite such as "Let it Snow," "Silent Night" and more modern songs like "Swinging at Santa's Place" filled the room.

"I used to be in Choral Dynamics. This is a wonderful group," said Ruth Young, group accompanist of Third Lake.

Member James Phelps said that the group likes its new rehearsal facility. "It's a wonderful facility. We recorded a CD there," he said. "I have known Jeanine when she was in another community chorus."

Phelps said that the group receives practice tapes so that they can listen and learn at their convenience.

All told, the group has performed five times this winter, including for the Round Lake Beach tree lighting ceremony.

Chris Dwyer of Arlington Heights works in Chicago but loves to make the rehearsals each Monday in Lake Zurich.

"I look forward to these events. It is a labor of love," Dwyer said.

"It's an excellent group. It is for people who love to sing," Joe Andronia of Lake Zurich said.

Members said that they enjoyed singing before the PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) folks at St. Mary of Vernon.

"It makes you think about all the things that you have and give them a chance to forget their problems for a while and enjoy the season," Andronia said.

The church invited the group to use its 300-seat auditorium as soon as the church opened.



By SIEVE PETERSON
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That is where it hosted two Christmas shows, drawing an audience of 200 people.

Another group making Christmas appearances this season is the Viking Park Singers of Gurnee.

"I have been involved since the beginning. We have fun and sing a variety of music," said Bill Callahan, 83, of Grayslake. "We have some ex-barbershop quartet members or Swedish singers."

"It's a mixed bunch," Byrd said of the group's background.

About 16 group members performed a free concert at Fox Lake American Legion Hall Saturday night.

"We welcome singers from all over Lake County. We meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Viking Park Dance Hall," said director Rita Byrd.

The group has been in existence for 15 years.

"I love it. It is great for my soul," said member Karen Wvorenma.

"It is a wonderful chorus. I love the repertoire," said member Ted Wells of Wadsworth.

A fund-raising event, an Italianfest, will be held on April 23.

"We normally have a group of about 50. We had 16 here, but they more than held their own. I am very proud of them," Byrd, of Beach Park, said. "We have fun and we do music correctly. You have to be part singer and part hambone."

The group sang traditional songs such as "Silent Night" as well as a men vs. women version of "Let It Snow."

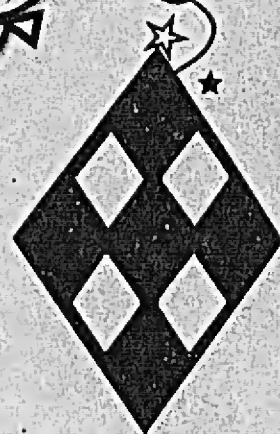
Another popular group this time of year is the Handbell Choir of Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ. The group made an appearance at Fox Lake District Library in early December. "We had a good crowd, about 50 people here. They have been here for about 11 years," said assistant librarian Cindy Lobaza.



The Viking Park Singers perform a holiday concert at the Fox Lake American Legion Hall.—Photo by J.W. Sternick

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More crackpot cooking: Holiday recipes for disaster

My husband refuses to let me near the kitchen during the holidays. It's not that he's out to pamper me. He just wants to avoid raising another toast to my cooking skills—over porcelain.

He won't even trust me with one of those all-in-one holiday feasts you get at the grocery store. Last time I forgot to turn on the oven, and in trying to make up for lost time I transformed their precooked turkey into a flaming Yule Log.

So it's off to "The Trough" again this Christmas, as an acquaintance fondly refers to a local family friendly buffet.

But it just doesn't seem right having the kids happily stuff themselves with macaroni and cheese under plastic mistletoe. Don't they deserve the real deal on such a special day? A chance to savor a homemade meal reflecting their fine family heritage?

I guess father knows best if it means serving up this taste of Christmas past:

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Leslie Glazier-Werner

turkey look like it's been mud wrestling in oleo. Empty salt and pepper on meat. Bake until main course could pass for a relic from Pompeii.

Pop's Patriotic Fruit Plate

A festive assortment of canned fruits saluting our country's proud history.

Arrange blue peaches, red pears and white blueberries on best Styrofoam meat tray to resemble American flag. No need to use food coloring when contents come from cans that say "Buy War Bonds."

Peas That Pass Muster

Don't be surprised when the kids clean their plates.

Cook shelled peas in 1 cup water over medium heat.

After six minutes, check for doneness by pressing one or two peas with a fork. They should be firm enough to remain intact when propelled by a kid's knife to the potted plant

in the far corner.

Mocha Mint Cookies From Aunt Pearl

Crispy cookies to ship to loved ones
1 cup lard
1 cup salt
50 packets of sugar from assorted fast food joints
1 tsp. baking powder
5 tbsp. leftover coffee grounds
5 cups stale bran flakes
2 cups flour
25 breath mints scavenged from purse, coat pockets

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix ingredients until consistency of crumbling asphalt. Bake until cookies have browned enough to adhere to cookie sheets.

Hack off when cool and pack in holiday cookie tins. Send on a slow boat by way of China, after being swept in by a tsunami.

Loved ones are sure to keep these treats on hand—they provide great tire traction in the worst blizzard conditions.

Dad's disclaimer: The recipes in this column do not reflect the taste of management. In other words, don't be fool enough to try these concoctions at home, unless you're desperate for kindling on Christmas Eve and have adequate ventilation. Happy Holidays!

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Free photography contest open to Lake County

The International Library of Photography is pleased to announce that over \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography contest.

Photographers from the Lake County area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win a share of over 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is March 1, 2004. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Everyone has at least one memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated Christina Baylon, contest director. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure," continued Baylon.

To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: people, travel, pets, children, sports, nature, action, humor, portraiture or other. The photo must be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8x10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2618, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, Md. 21117. Entries must be postmarked by March 1.

You may also submit your photo directly online at www.picture.com.

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Learn African values at Museum Kwanzaa celebration

Celebrate unity and creativity, faith and responsibility during Kwanzaa events at the Milwaukee Public Museum on Sunday, Dec. 28.

The African-American celebration focuses on traditional African values. Visitors can make Kwanzaa gifts, test their knowledge of the festival in a Kwanzaa trivia game and check out traditional African music and dance by a professional dance group.

Kwanzaa activities, which will take place from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., are free with Museum admission: adults (16-61) \$7, seniors (62-plus) \$6 and children (3-15) \$4.75. For more information, call 414-

278-2702 or visit

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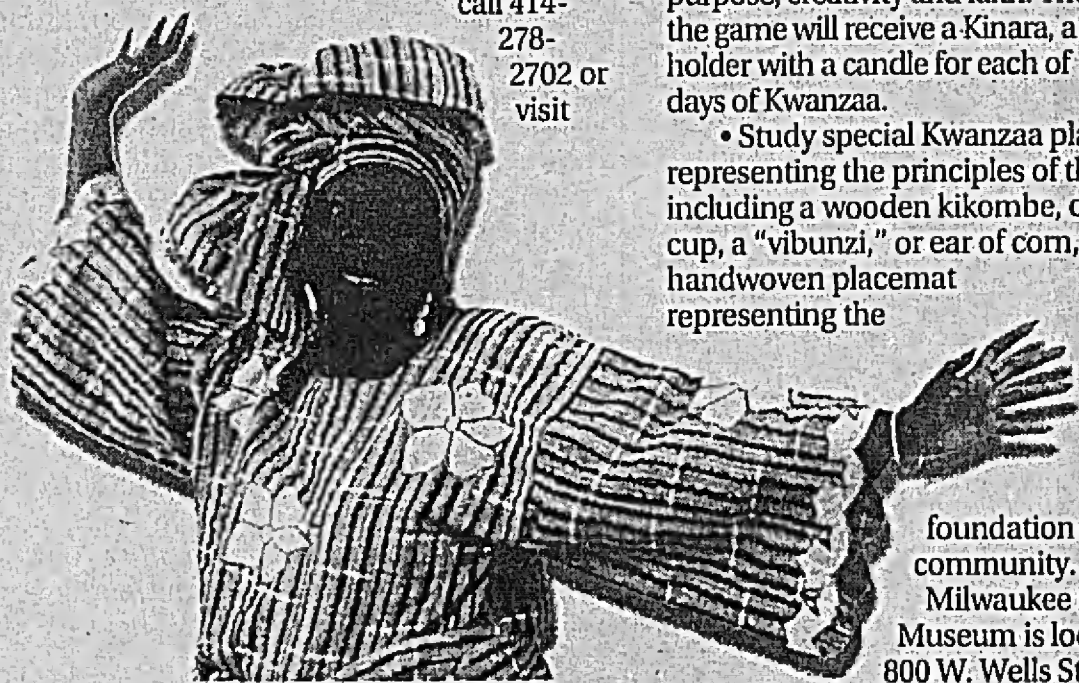
Activities include:

- Experience traditional African drumming and dance by the Ajala African Dance Group, featuring a chance for visitors to make their own rhythms on African drums. 11:30 a.m.

- Make a "zwadii," a Kwanzaa gift representing one of the seven days of the festival. Visitors can make a collectible doll in African garb or a napkin holder with Nigerian designs.

- Play a trivia game to learn the seven principles of Kwanzaa, the "nguzo saba": unity, self determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. The winner of the game will receive a Kinara, a candle holder with a candle for each of the seven days of Kwanzaa.

- Study special Kwanzaa place settings representing the principles of the festival, including a wooden kikombe, or unity cup, a "vibunzi," or ear of corn, and a handwoven placemat representing the



foundation of the community. Milwaukee Public Museum is located at 800 W. Wells Street, in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Music

Holiday Lights going fast

The Holiday Festival of Lights continues at Cuneo Museum and Gardens through Jan. 4, 2004. Enjoy "A Winter Wonderland" as the grounds of the Cuneo Museum and Gardens provide a backdrop for this annual drive-through holiday light festival sponsored by the Village of Vernon Hills. The route is illuminated by millions of lights and dozens of animated light displays. \$5 per vehicle weekdays; \$7 per vehicle weekends. The event is closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Bring the whole family.

The Festival of Lights continues in Shiloh Park in Zion through Dec. 31. Enjoy one of the most spectacular holiday light displays in Lake County. Families will love the outdoor walk-through of Kringle's Kingdom where visitors can walk past the numerous lighted displays, nestled among over 325-lighted evergreen trees. Visit Santa at his house and enjoy the numerous displays that can be seen at the Shiloh Park drive-through.

"A Cuneo Christmas" runs through Dec. 31 at the Cuneo Museum and Gardens in Vernon Hills. Holiday decorations adorn each room of the Venetian-style mansion. Seasonal greenery and the family tree highlight the Great Hall.

For more details, visit the Web site at www.lakeonline.com/cuneo/index.html

Happenings

Get out and about

A combination of live music, guided bog tours, winter crafts, photo contest awards and more make Volo Bog's WinterFest open house the perfect cure for cabin fever. The event will take place from 12-4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11 at Volo Bog State Natural Area.

The well-known band, Sons of the Never Wrong, is the highlight of this year's WinterFest. This eclectic, energetic, nouveau-folk band from Chicago has toured from the East Coast to the West Coast and many parts in between.

Sharing sets with the "Sons" is Native American flutist Michael Reichart. A student of well-known artists, Michael's mastery of his handmade wooden flutes is magnificent.

Between music sets, the Volo Bog photo contest winners will be announced. Bog tours, winter art projects, scavenger hunts, and—snow permitting—snow sculpting contests and cross country skiing will also be held throughout the day.

Bring friends and family for the day of activities, warm up with a hot cup of cider and get out of the house.

While there is no cost to come to WinterFest, the Friends of Volo Bog are grateful for any donation. The Friends will have snacks for sale and their gift shop, The Tamarack Shop, will be open. All ages are welcome to this event.

For further information, call 815-344-1294. The Ameritech Relay number for the hearing impaired is 800-526-0844.

Volo Bog State Natural Area is an Illinois Department of Natural Resources site located on Brandenburg Road in Ingleside, west of U.S. Highway 12 between state routes 120 and 134.

Ride like the wind

Hop on your bike, strap on your helmet and come ride with the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Registration is open and riders are needed for the weekend of June 26-27, 2004, for the annual MS 150 Tour de Farms Bike Tour.

The tour goes from Waubesa Community College in Sugar Grove to Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. Funds raised go to help the National Multiple Sclerosis Society end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis (MS).

"There isn't a better way to spend your weekend," said Kelley Ligozio, event manager. "You can enjoy the fresh air with good people and ride to raise money for the 18,000 Illinois residents living with MS."

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comes 2004. The night concludes with a festive fireworks display set to a special soundtrack.

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Navy Pier's Festival Hall will be transformed into a winter wonderland with sparkling lights, hundreds of decorated trees and wintertime decorations through Jan. 4, 2004. Families with children of all ages will have the opportunity to celebrate the holidays with a wide variety of games, activities, entertainment and much more.

Activities include an indoor ice skating rink, an inline skating track, a family train, a musical carousel, a unique model train display, cookie decorating, large-scale inflatable games and more. A Family Fun Stage showcases family entertainment, including puppet and marionette show, character appearances and storytellers.

The LaSalle Bank Winter WonderFest is open from 10 a.m.-11:45 p.m. on New Year's Eve and 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on New Year's Day. Admission is free. Activities and rides priced independently.

There will also be a fireworks display on New Year's Day at 6 p.m. The Mayor's Office of Special Events will host Kids Weekend in the family pavilion Jan. 1-4. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of hands-on workshops including juggling, magic tricks and more. For details, call 312-744-3315.

For more details on Navy Pier events, call 312-595-5225 or visit www.navypier.com.

Workshops

All about music

The Adler Institute of Music in Libertyville is proud to announce its music programming for 2004. Beginning in February, the Institute will offer Kindermusik, an early childhood music and movement program. Kindermusik Village, for newborns to 18 months, and Kindermusik Our Time, for children 18 months to 3 years, will be held on Tuesdays beginning Feb. 3. Also offered will be a Beginning Group Suzuki Piano class for children ages 3-4 and a Beginning Group Violin class for children ages 5-6.

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Offerings on Wednesdays in February will include a Music Fundamentals class, for students ages 7 to 9 who are new to the world of music, and Language of Music I for those students, ages 8-12, who have been introduced to the language of music and wish to further their understanding.

For string players, the Adler Institute of Music is proud to announce its Saturday ensembles. The Preparatory Strings is designed for young string players, ages 7-11, wishing to experience the joys of playing in an orchestra. The AIM String Ensemble is geared to string players looking to continue improving their ensemble skills.

Additionally, the Adler Institute of Music offers traditional and Suzuki individual music instruction for students of all ages and abilities. Seventeen music degreed faculty members teach piano, strings, voice, woodwinds and guitar.

For more information about the Institute, contact the David Adler Cultural Center in Libertyville at 847-367-0707.

Venture forth!

Bring those out-of-town guests for a holiday hike! A Winter Ecology Hike will be held at Volo Bog on Saturday, Dec. 27, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Volo Bog naturalist Stacy Iwanicki will cover unique adaptations that plants and animals have to get through the cold. Hibernation, supercooling, galls, snowfleas and animal tracks all will be discussed on this hike.

So bundle up and be prepared to venture forth! Ages 7 to adult are welcome. Reservations are required. Call 815-344-1294 to find out more. Ameritech Relay number for the hearing impaired is 800-526-0844.

Meeting

Learn to grow

The Gardeners of Central Lake County will host an informative program of interest to gardeners on Monday, Jan. 12. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The group meets at the Libertyville Township Offices, 343 Merrill Court in Libertyville. The public is invited to attend. For information or directions, call Susan at 847-816-8007.

Woodstock Opera House proudly welcomes The Osborne Brothers

The Osborne Brothers will perform a concert Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004 at 8 p.m. at the Woodstock Opera House, 121 Van Buren St., in Woodstock. Reserved tickets are \$21 and available at the Woodstock Opera House Ticket Office, 815-338-5300. Visa, Discover and MasterCard are accepted.

Ever since joining the Grand Ole Opry in 1964, the Osborne Brothers have reigned as one of America's most popular bluegrass bands, and they will be making their 11th appearance at The Woodstock Opera House on Saturday evening, Jan. 10.

Even among people who have little experience with bluegrass music, the name of the Osborne Brothers, or their best-known song, "Rocky Top," is likely to be familiar. The core of their band consists of

Bobby Osborne on mandolin and singing the high tenor lead, and Sonny Osborne on banjo and singing baritone. The brothers are accompanied by acoustic bass, guitar, fiddle and dobro.

Bluegrass music is noted for the prominence of the high tenor singing voice. With Bobby Osborne, the high tenor voice is pure without being piercing. His voice is smooth, clear-toned and true, and is the key to the Osborne Brothers sound. Reversing the format of traditional country and bluegrass music, in which the group's leader is typically a guitar-playing singer, the Osbornes are a

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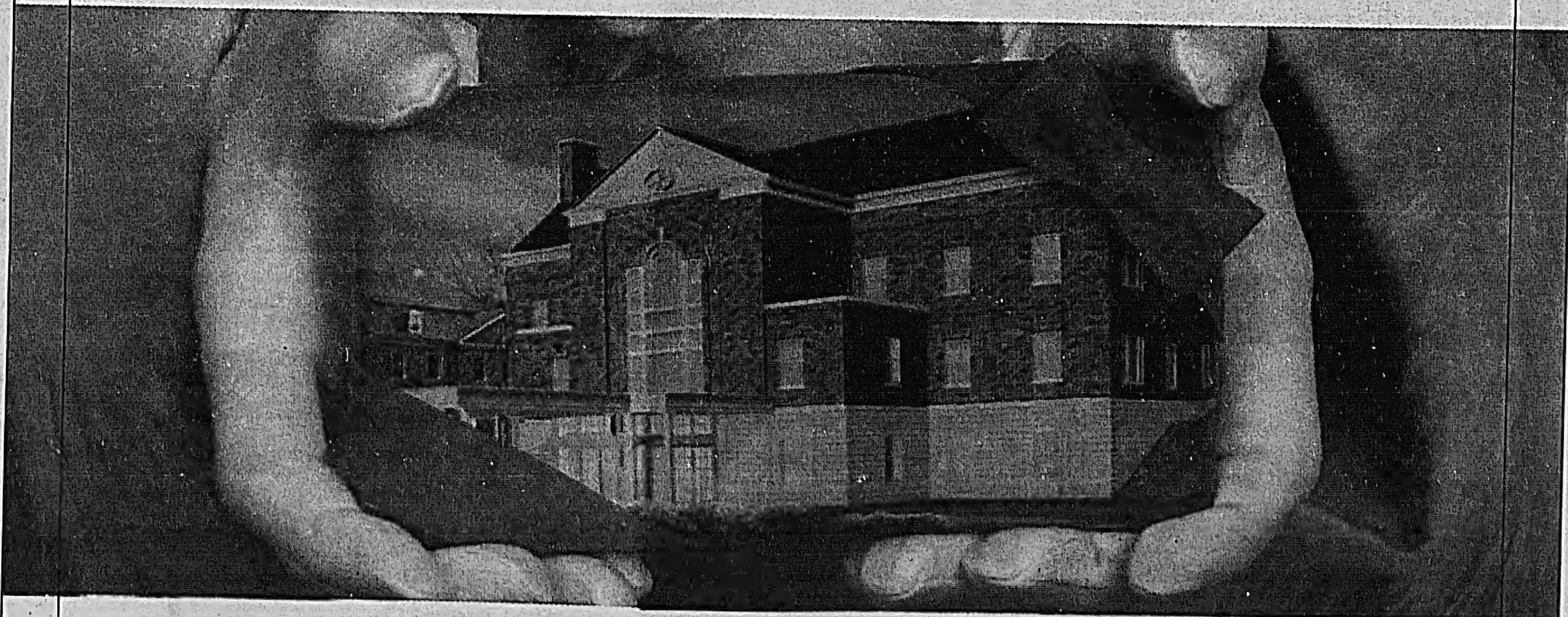
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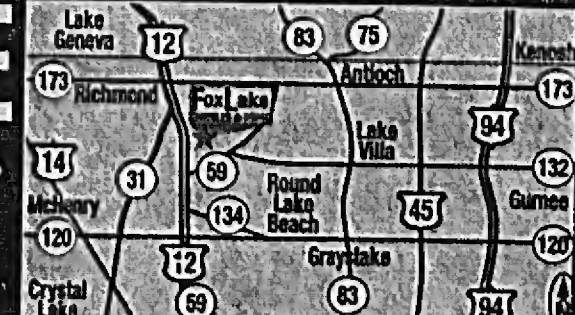
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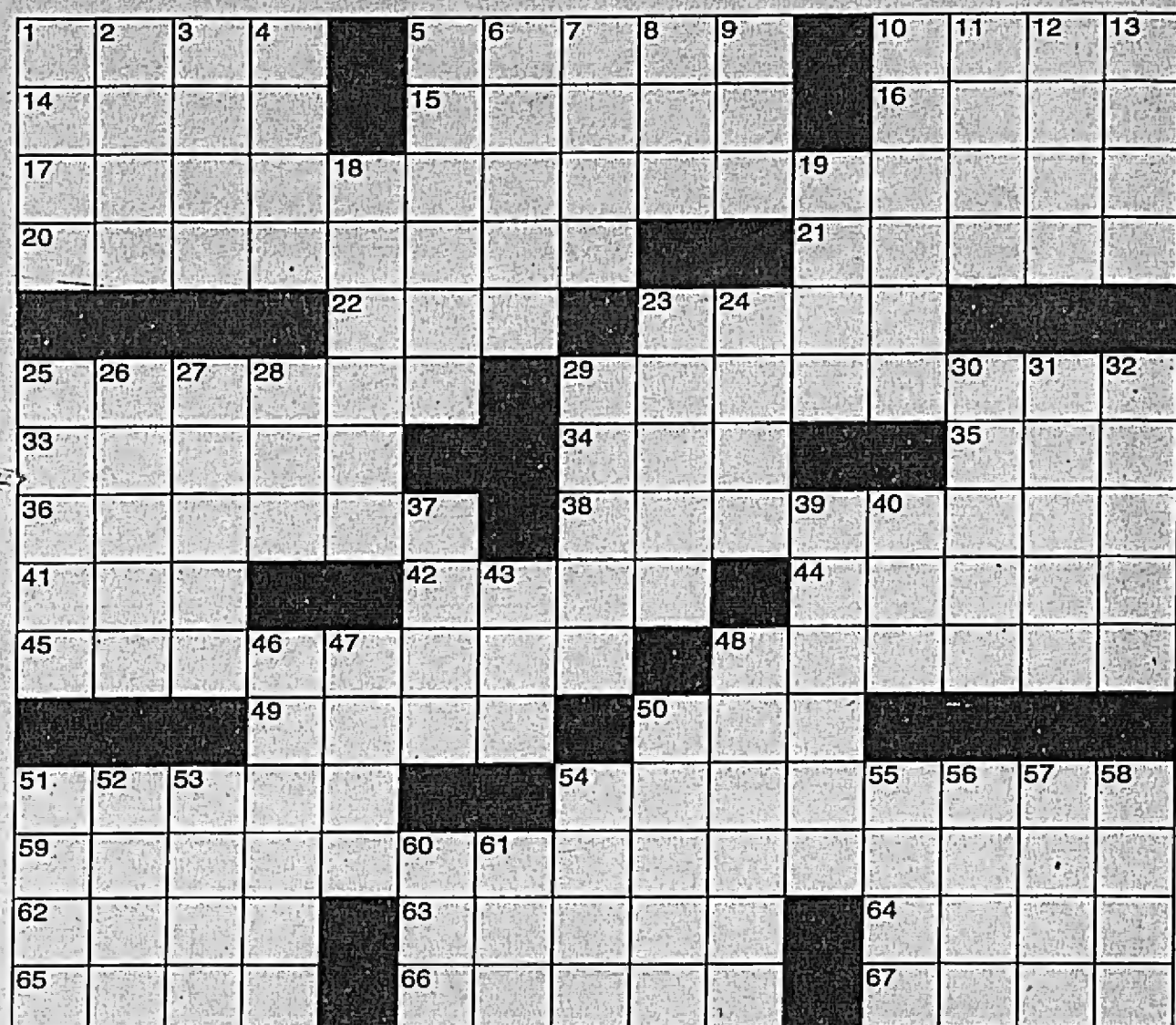
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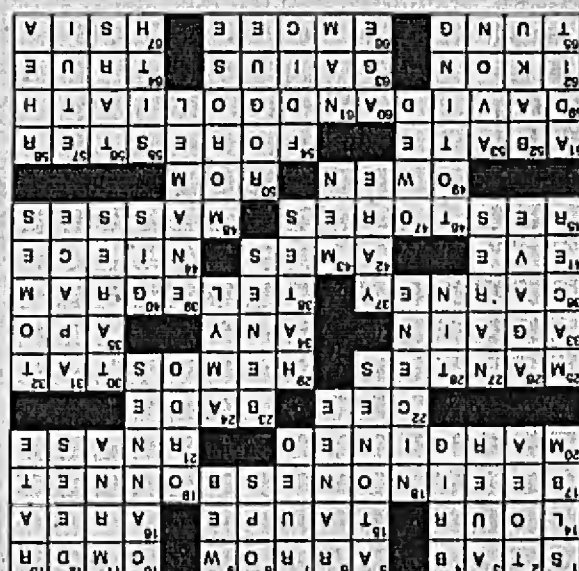
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5. Missile
10. Military leader, abbr.
14. Lower
15. Color
16. Construction
17. Eccentric condition
20. Gave room
21. Ribonuclease
22. After B
23. Conjured
25. Dictyopterous insects
29. Surgical instrument
33. Besides
34. Some
35. Military mailbox
36. Gleason's TV buddy
38. Message
41. Adult female
42. Research labs
44. Kinswoman
45. Refunds
48. Common people
49. _____ Chamberlain, American Nobel physicist
50. Memory
51. Lessen
54. Farmer
59. Famous adversaries
62. Representation
63. Roman jurist
64. Right
65. Flowering tree
66. Master of ceremonies
67. First Chinese dynasty

DOWN

1. Nuclear undersea weapon
2. Monetary unit of New Guinea
3. Hungarian Violinist
4. Two-masted vessel
5. Repents
6. Rajah's wife
7. Regretted
8. Titaness
9. Tissue
10. Hosts film festival
11. Messenger ribonucleic acid
12. These (old English)*
13. Judge
18. Church Council
19. Church booklet
23. Eduard _____, Czechoslovakian President
24. From pentane (Chemistry)
25. An officer of the court, Scot.
26. Xerophilous plant
27. Nostrils
28. Element
29. Feels distaste for
30. Equalizers
31. Keep up
32. Books
37. Agile, lively

39. Hard white substance covering the crown of a tooth
40. World data organization, abbr.
43. Force
46. Carrying
47. Unpaid
48. Glowering
50. Scoundrel
51. Passage
52. Capital of Azerbaijan
53. Door to door company
54. Financial insurer
55. Since (archaic)
56. Coats
57. Pocketbook
58. See 8 down
60. Amount of time
61. Veterans battleground

Answers



HOROSCOPE

Aries - March 21/April 20

Stand up for an acquaintance who gets into trouble early in the week, Aries. He or she is being wrongfully accused and needs your support. Be there for him or her. A loved one invites you out late in the week. Say yes, because you're sure to have a good time. Gemini plays an important role on Friday.



Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

Don't be taken in by an acquaintance's lies early in the week. He or she just wants to get you into trouble. Be careful whom you believe. A friend of a friend reveals his or her true feelings for you. Be honest with him or her. Leo plays a key role.



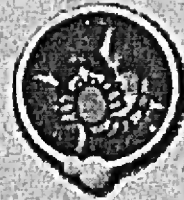
Taurus - April 21/May 21

Keep quiet when it comes to a disagreement between co-workers this week. Don't get involved. They need to work this out themselves. Your input only will make matters worse. That special someone gives you something romantic late in the week. Enjoy it, because you deserve it.



Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

A good friend turns to you for help this week, Scorpio. While you have a lot to do, make time for this person. He or she really needs your assistance. Don't let him or her down. A business associate invites you to a holiday party. Say no, because it's a mistake to get involved with this person socially.



Gemini - May 22/June 21

Don't let a minor financial setback spoil your good mood this week, Gemini. It's the holiday season; enjoy yourself. Besides, you'll have a windfall sooner than you expect. The person whom you've been seeing wants to intensify your relationship. Say yes, because you know that this is what you want too.



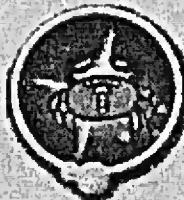
Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

Look on the bright side of things when you have a minor setback early in the week, Sagittarius. The situation isn't as bad as it seems. Try to make the best of it. A loved one offers to help you with a personal problem. Say yes, because you know that you can't handle this on your own.



Cancer - June 22/July 22

Don't make a hasty decision when it comes to your professional life this week, Cancer. Look at all of the pros and cons before you make your choice. Is this really as good as it sounds? The answer is probably not. Turn to that special someone for advice. He or she always has your best interest at heart.



Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

Don't make a poor choice just to get ahead at work. While it's a popular decision, you know that it's the wrong one to make. Stand your ground, and do what you know is best for the company. Your efforts will be rewarded down the line. Gemini plays an important role.



Leo - July 23/August 23

Don't be nervous when you have to talk to a close friend about a problem. He or she trusts your opinion and listens to what you say. So, just be honest, and everything will work out. You meet an interesting person while out with a loved one during the middle of the week. Don't leave without getting his or her phone number.



Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't overanalyze an offer of help from a close friend. He or she just wants to be there for you. There's no ulterior motive. So, just say yes, and appreciate the help. That special someone calls it quits. While it hurts, you know that this is the best thing for both of you.



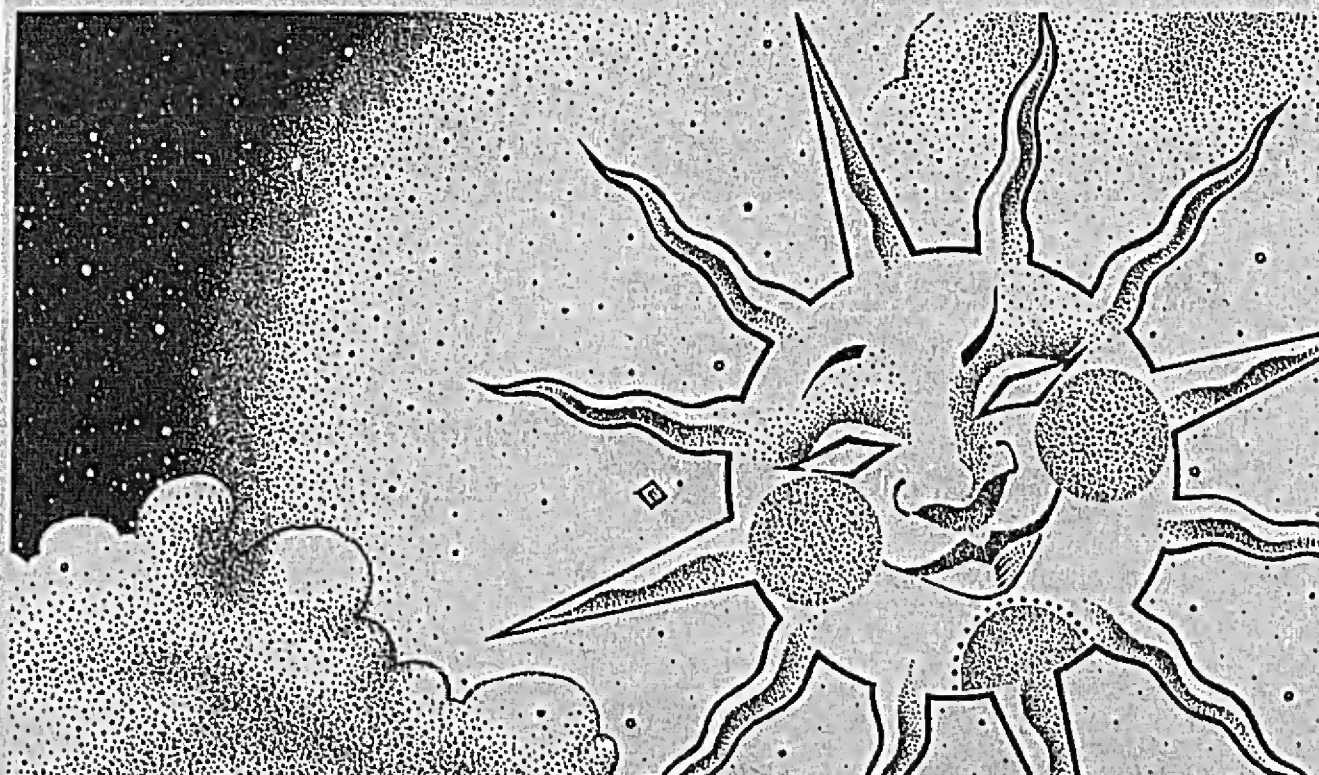
Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

A family gathering has you nervous. Don't worry — everything will work out just fine. Everyone is sure to be on his or her best behavior. Relax, and have a good time. A close friend asks for your advice about a personal problem. Be supportive.



Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

Don't turn your back on a family member who needs you — even if the two of you don't get along. You're the only person who can help in this situation. Do what you can. Your efforts will be appreciated, and the two of you actually will get closer.



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The colossal hijinks and intricate acro-

batics begin when a child armed with an infectious giggle ventures into the Monsters, Inc. factory and opens the door to an uproarious tale of monsters who work and the children who scare them.

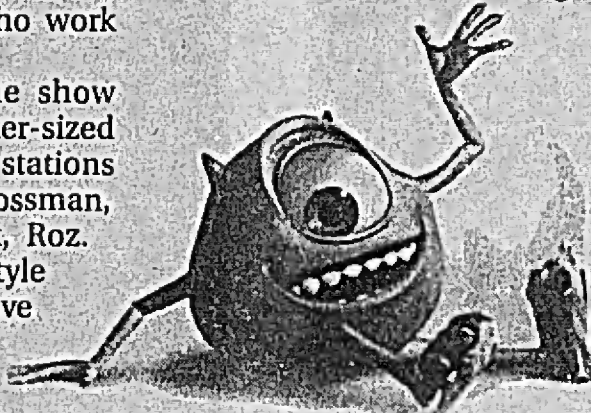
A monster of a spectacle, the show transforms the arena into a monster-sized power plant, complete with scare stations and outsized personalities like bossman, Mr. Watermoose and his file clerk, Roz. Nearly 50 closet doors of every style and color whirl and twirl on and above the ice as "scareers" like Sulley prepare for the daily screamcollecting rounds and the Child Detection

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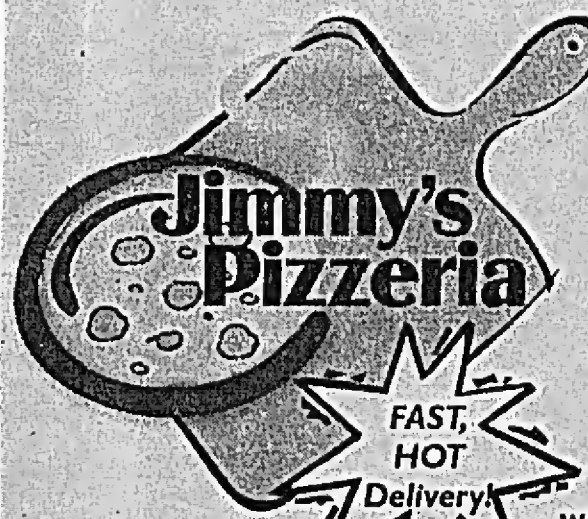
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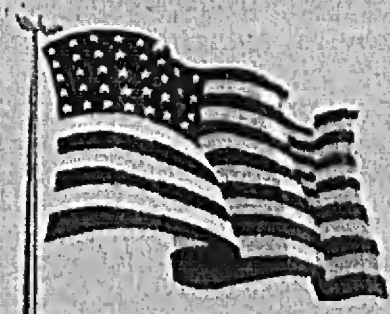
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NEW RELEASES

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opening this week

Big Fish: Billy Crudup comes home to his dying father, Albert Finney, to patch up a fractured relationship. Jessica Lange and Steve Buscemi co-star. A poetic family tale based upon a book. ★★★★★ (PG-13)

Cheaper by the Dozen: Steve Martin learns that getting what you ask for is not always what you want. His dream job comes true, but then he's stuck at home with his 12 kids after his wife has to leave town to meet with a publisher to market her long awaited memoirs. ★★★★★ (PG)



Cold Mountain: Nicole Kidman is establishing herself as a younger Meryl Streep with another pristine performance. It's based upon the best-selling novel about a Confederate soldier trying to make his way back home. Also stars Jude Law, Renee Zellweger and Natalie Portman. When "The Human Stain" finally crosses Lake-Cook Road, be sure to catch it. Kidman is excellent in that too. ★★★★★ (R)

The Company: Director Robert Altman gives us a behind-the-scenes look at the Joffrey Ballet. Neve Campbell, a classically-trained ballet dancer who has longed for a part like this since performing with the National Ballet of Canada. ★★★★★ (PG-13)

Peter Pan: This classic is done as a live-action fantasy, with Peter being played by a boy for a change. Jason Isaacs and Ludivine Sagnier star. Sounds like good family fun. (PG)

The Young Black Stallion: The prequel to the 1979 classic horse tale, this will be shown exclusively in IMAX format at Navy Pier. This G-rated, 45-minute film is just right for a trip with the young ones into the city. ★★★★★ (G)

Girl with a Pearl Earring: Scarlett Johansson ("Lost in Translation") is the muse of Dutch painter Vermeer (Colin Firth). Based on the best selling novel by Tracy Chevalier, Johansson is an outstanding actress who is only 18 years old. ★★★★★ (PG-13)

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The Cooler (R)

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Elf (PG)

★★★★

The Event (R)

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Honey (PG-13)

★★★★1/2

Looney Tunes (PG)

★★★★1/2

Love Don't Cost a Thing

(PG-13)

★★★★

Mona Lisa Smile

(PG-13)

★★★★★

Mystic River (R)

★★★★★

Something's Gotta Give

(PG-13)

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Stuck on You (PG-13)

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Kingsley, Connelly shine in Perelman's dissection of the American Dream

of her home. She is rudely awakened one morning when Deputy Sheriff Lester Burdon (Ron Eldard) arrives to evict her.

The Behrani family struggles to stay together, after fleeing their luxurious life style in Iran. Massoud Behrani works two menial jobs so he can keep up the appearance of wealth to his Iranian peers. This allows his daughter to marry into proper status and Massoud is able to pay for the wedding. Also the money he expects to make from selling the house is the ticket for his son Esmail's (Jonathan Ahdout) college tuition.

No love exists in Kathy's family. Her mother is self-centered and Kathy longs for her deceased father, to make matters worse, Kathy's husband walked out on her, and her brother can't pick up on her cry for help, when she clearly is in desperate shape. All Kathy wants is love.

Kathy finds a lover in Lester, who at least temporarily fills a void, both emotionally and physically. He has a loving family, a wife and two children, that he seems hell bent on destroying because of the ego boost he gets from using strong arm police tactics to fix things, and the sexual fulfillment from Kathy that the routine of home no longer provides.

The acting throughout this film is exceptional, with Sir Ben Kingsley possibly delivering a performance more powerful than his Academy Award-winning role as "Ghandi." Jennifer Connelly is still luminous as a former

drug addict with a strong needy streak, who awakes from her version of the "American Dream" too late. Shohreh Aghdashloo (a well-known Iranian actress) delivers a stunning performance as Behrani's gentle and loving wife, Nadi. And young Jonathan Ahdout plays the Behrani's bright teenage son, Esmail, who has great love and respect for his father.

Easily one of the best films of the year.

House of Sand and Fog



Review by
Pam & George Singleton

Cast

Ben Kingsley Colonel Behrani
Jennifer Connelly Kathy Nicolo
Ron Eldard Deputy Sheriff
Shohreh Aghdashloo Lester Burdon
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Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

Review by William A. Reed

WFSTV, the in-house television station at Frederick School in Grayslake, broadcasts a morning update program each school day. With the guidance of Stacey Anderson, information specialist, the students produce, direct and appear on-camera, complete with news anchors and special features such as the lunch menu at Café Frederick and birthday announcements (look out "Good Morning America"). Last week their guest film critic was William A. Reed, a 5th-grade student (AKA our grandson). What does a youngster think of the most-anticipated and hottest film of the year? Here's William's review!

On Dec. 10 I went to see "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" at a press and promotional screening in Milwaukee (with my grandparents). It was awesome!

The main points of the movie, of course, are to get the King, Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), back to his throne and the Ring back to the fiery pits of Mordor. The hobbits Frodo and Sam (Elijah Wood and Sean Astin) are guided to Mordor by Gollum, a scary little character who talks to himself and has evil plans to take the Ring away from the hobbits.

This movie is great. It has more action and adventure than most films. The special effects are unbelievable; Aragorn even has the help of an Army of the Dead when he goes into battle. My favorite character is Legolas (Orlando Bloom), an elfin archer. Look for the scene where he climbs onto the back of a huge elephant-like creature and brings the monster down with his arrows.

There is a lot of "fantasy gore" and some pretty frightening creatures in this movie, so kids ages 5-10 should have a parent with them.

This is the last movie in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, so to really understand, it helps if you have seen parts 1 and 2. They are awesome, too.

Since seeing "Return of the King" with my grandparents, I have seen it again with my Dad, my brothers Corey and Malcolm, and my best friend Aleks. I told my mom that when it comes out on DVD, we have to have the trilogy as part of our movie library at home. Go see it. You won't be disappointed.



William A. Reed and teacher Stacey Anderson

unraveling the universe

mental particles and their interactions are part of a vibrating, one-dimensional "string." These strange creatures differ from subatomic particles, which occupy what scientists call a "zero-dimensional" space. Strings resemble the filament of a light bulb.

Confused? A three-part Nova documentary, *The Elegant Universe*, brings the theory to life through computer-animated explanations by Brian Greene, professor of physics and mathematics at Columbia University. Greene is author of the best-selling book *The Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions, and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory*.

A popularizer of science in the vein of Carl Sagan, Greene discussed his ideas recently on the "Late Show with David Letterman," where he dodged jokes about whether anyone really cares about grand unified theories and cosmic strings.

"It's a question I faced with the program and the book," Greene says now by telephone. "But whenever I talk about this stuff, people can't get enough of it."

String theory is a science in progress and one of the most ambitious subjects in modern physics. It challenges the standard model of the universe by proposing that subatomic particles, the fundamental ingredients of nature, are made up of much tinier strings.

Unlike particles, strings have a dimension — length. They interact by splitting or joining their ends together in loops, and their vibrations set universal events in motion.

What excites proponents of string theory is that it attempts to unite the laws of cosmology and quantum mechanics — the world of the very large and very small, respectively. If these can come together, scientists might be able to explain the nuts and bolts of the universe in a more "elegant" way.

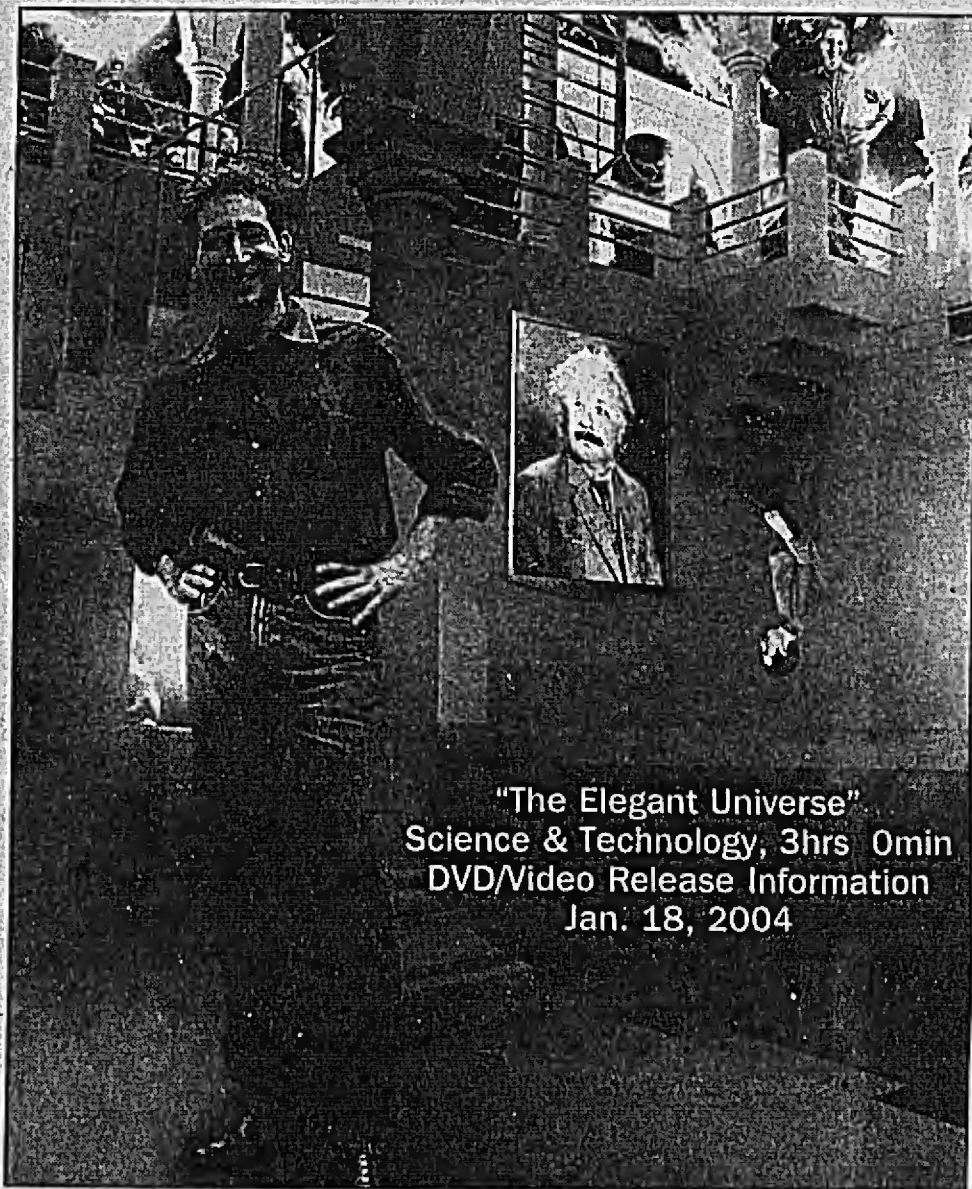
"When you look at the theory from the right perspective, everything comes from one idea — vibrating strings," Greene says. "It's very compelling. It really does simplify things."

The documentary's first segment, "Einstein's Dream," introduces string theory and explains how modern physicists grapple with two vastly different theories, general relativity and quantum mechanics. The first describes big things such as stars and galaxies, and the second describes objects and events on the atomic scale.

The following segment, "String's the Thing," opens with a scene in a movie theater in which the history of the universe runs backward to the big bang, the point at which our conventional understanding of reality ends. Greene explains the first appearance of energetic strings whose different vibrations create electrons, photons, quarks and all the elementary particles.

The final segment, "Welcome to the Eleventh Dimension," explains how physicists revolutionized string theory by uniting five versions into a single concept and how the theory requires a variety of dimensions to function.

Kurt Loft



"The Elegant Universe"
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Columbia University professor Brian Greene hosts the Nova documentary "The Elegant Universe," which says the fundamental ingredients of nature are made up of tiny strings.

When Albert Einstein died in 1955, he went to his grave without solving what many believe to be his greatest challenge: a unifying theory of the universe.

For years, Einstein worked to combine the fundamental forces of nature into one neat package — a theory of everything. But the math didn't pan out, and scientists continue to search for answers.

Their goal is to see the universe through a single theoretical lens and to understand the way nature works in its simplest and most organic terms. In their search for the Holy Grail of physics, researchers look for ways to combine the four forces of nature — gravity, electromagnetism, and strong and weak nuclear forces — in perfect symmetry.

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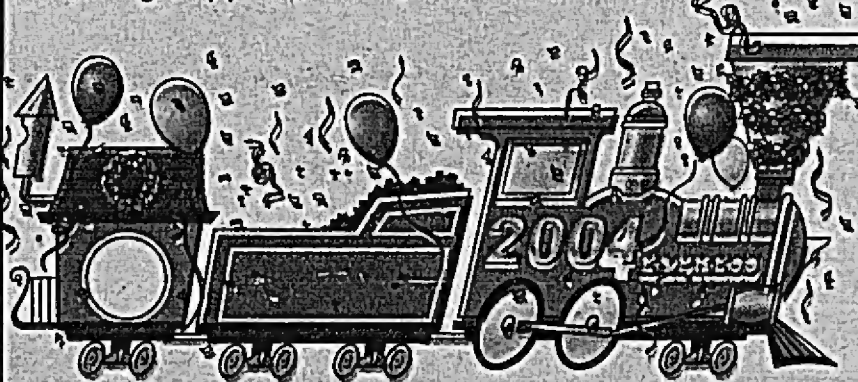
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Fire causes evacuation of 7-story building

Libertyville—An electrical fire at Liberty Towers caused extensive damage to a third-floor apartment and the evacuation of a seven-floor downtown building. No one was injured in the fire. Liberty Towers is home for people 62 and over, as well as handicapped and disabled persons.

Teacher contract near

Round Lake—After nine months of negotiations, a teacher contract seems imminent in Round Lake Area Schools Community Unit District 116.

Education of Round Lake Teachers Union president Kim Kearby said. "Our negotiation team believes that we are settled. However, there are still loose ends in language and procedures that we need to clarify."

Warrant obtained for- burglary suspect

The Lake County Sheriff's Dept. arrested a juvenile suspect and then obtained a warrant for an adult subject suspected of committing burglaries in the Libertyville and Gurnee areas.

After a Dec. 15 Libertyville Twp. burglary, descriptions of the two were obtained. The adult suspect was identified as Lawrence K. Starks, 36, of 2049 Hervey Ave., in North Chicago. Starks and the juvenile offender are suspected of stealing five handguns, 11 long guns and several electronic items.

Sheriff's investigators have obtained a warrant for the arrest of Starks for two counts of residential burglary. The Gurnee Police Department also obtained a warrant for Starks pertaining to a burglary there.

The juvenile suspect has been charged through the Lake County Juvenile Court System.



Round Lake High School senior Kelly Schwarz talks with Navy recruit Josh McCabe during a holiday party for sailors.

Students throw party for sailors

Round Lake—Over 100 sailors from the Great Lakes Naval Base were treated to a holiday party by members of the Round Lake High School National Honor Society.

After the students served dinner, Santa Claus raffled off prizes from phone cards to red-thong underwear—to the embarrassment of a few sailors.

COAT DRIVE

Lakeland readers and employees have now donated over 1,500 pounds of garments to our winter clothing drive. Feel free to bring items to our offices at 30 S. Whitney St., in downtown Grayslake, where they will be donated for immediate use. Thanks for your continued support.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Shop 'til you drop

Jennifer Lara, 20 months, waits in her cart as Officer Jim Waters of the Round Lake Beach Police Department picks out clothes for her during the annual Shop with a Cop program at the Round Lake Beach Wal-Mart. The program, sponsored by the Round Lake Park-Hainesville Police Department, involves officers throughout Lake County.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

Betting its future

Waukegan still hoping to land last lucrative casino license

By CAREL SCHMIDLKOFER
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Obtaining a state casino license has long been a goal of the city of Waukegan. But until a deal fell through between Emerald Casino and the city of Rosemont that Waukegan had a chance at the casino license—the 10th in the state in six years.

Emerald Casino was supposed to have a home in Rosemont but was waylaid when casino investors were accused of lying to the Illinois State Gaming Commission. Now the case is in court and the casino has filed bankruptcy.

Rosemont is fighting for reimbursement for expenses related to the plans to host the casino to the tune of \$45 million, while the Attorney General's Office seeks \$20 million in penalties from investors.

Waukegan is hoping to bid for the license after a settlement is reached. Revenue generated from the casino would be used to boost the city's economic growth.

"We're moving in that direction (to secure the license)," said Ray Vukovich, Waukegan's director of governmental affairs.

The city worked with S/L Waukegan Limited Partnership Corporation putting together the application for the gaming commission.

Since 1993, the partnership has been working to attract a casino to Waukegan. Alan Ludwig, a Lake County developer and owner of Waukegan Ramada Inn and Ritchie Stein of Meisiro Stein Real Estate Company in Chicago, head the partnership.

Ten years ago when first planning for a casino, it was thought a gambling boat would help refurbish the lakefront area. Since the lakefront beautification project is well underway, funds would also be used for Waukegan's downtown redevelopment project.

Lakehurst Mall is the desired location for a casino.

"By having it out at Lakehurst and having it closer to the expressway, the revenue would be substantially more," Vukovich said. "And Mayor Hyde's thinking is that we would be able to use a good deal of that revenue from the gambling boat to help the lakefront and the downtown area."

The city recently completed a \$1.2 billion master plan for the downtown area and along Lake Michigan.

That could be offset by a potential \$24 million generated by a casino each year.

Waukegan has long promised some of those funds would be shared with neighboring communities and schools.

Vukovich estimated that the proposed 20-year project could be whittled down to 8-10 years with revenue from a casino.

While disappointed things have moved slowly, and the fact Des Plaines and Rosemont are also vying for the license, Vukovich is optimistic the Gaming Board will look favorably upon the city.

By putting the gambling boat in Waukegan, there is less competition from other gaming facilities, he said, and therefore more money for the state from new gamers in the area and from Wisconsin.

"I think Waukegan makes a lot of sense to the Gaming Board," Vukovich said.

'Mayor Hyde's thinking is that we would be able to use a good deal of that revenue from the gaming boat to help the lakefront and the downtown area'

Ray Vukovich
Waukegan's director of
governmental affairs



'Most of us remember the false promise of the lottery'

Dan Venturi
Township
supervisor

Township leaders resist tax surcharge

By BRENDA BALIN-BEITSCHER
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Lake County Township Officials, an organization that includes townships supervisors, trustees, assessors and road commissioners from the county's 18 townships, has taken a stand opposing a state income tax surcharge.

Illinois Lt. Governor Pat Quinn sent a letter to township supervisors requesting the state's townships to pass a resolution calling for an advisory referendum to be submitted on the March primary ballot proposing what he calls the Tappayr Action Amendment.

Quinn is proposing a three percent surtax to be imposed on Illinois taxpayers who earn more than \$250,000 per year. Half of the fund would be designated for education, and distributed on a per student basis to school districts throughout the state. The other half would be redistributed equally to all of the nearly three million homeowners in Illinois.

The purpose of the surtax would be to "create an Educational Trust Fund...and provide property tax relief for every Illinois homeowner."

Quinn says the new tax would increase the state's educational budget by \$75 million per year.

Dan Venturi, Lake Villa Township supervisor and president of Lake County Township Officials, drafted a letter, which, with the approval of the other members of the organization, was sent to Quinn stating the organization would be neutral on the referendum.

"Most of us remember the false promise of the lottery," he wrote. "The lottery was passed on the pledge that the millions in state revenue from the lottery would secure educational funding for generations to come. The State of Illinois then pulled the plug on other state funds previously committed to education. Consequently, the percentage of state funding of education has declined consistently since the lottery's inception."

Quinn's proposal offers a "rebate" to homeowners in the form of a share of one-half of the resulting increased revenue. Venturi took issue with the validity of the offer.

"According to your calculations, the rebate should be approximately \$208 for each owner-occupied household. However, the rebate is reduced to approximately \$101 if given to each Illinois taxpayer and it is further reduced to approximately \$62 if given to all citizens."

Venturi said the tax "rebate"

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'Tis that other season

Nine-month-old Jacob Fleaka of Lake Zurich reacts to getting a flu shot while being comforted by his mother, Courtney Fleaka, during a Lake County Health Department flu clinic at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

Carmel students to perform at Illinois State University

Two school plays—The Cast of Amontillado and The Fall of the House of Usher—have been invited to perform at the 29th Annual Illinois High School Theater Festival on Jan. 9, 2004 at Illinois State University.

The following student cast members will be attending the festival:

Seniors—Dan Cesar, Andrew Gebhart and Meghan Sinclair

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Sophomores—Bobby Anderson, Tracy Casarubias, Alyssa Harling, John Paul Hertel,

Sarah Macrowski, Steven Meyer, Amanda Nadelhoffer and Jeff Rohalla.

Students provide gifts

Carmel students participated in Catholic Charities annual Christmas Gift Program that provides gifts for needy families in Lake County. The student body supported about 50 families by purchasing gifts for each member of the adopted families. Students have been actively supporting this program for 20 years. Program coordinators are Rita Markham and Mary Sattgast.

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Grade school results of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test given in April to children in grades 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8. Rankings are amongst Chicago-area schools with the top and bottom scores in the state. Numbers show how many students met or exceeded standards set by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Eighth Grade		Seventh Grade		Fifth Grade		Fourth Grade		Third Grade	
Reading		Science		Reading		Science		Reading	
1. 3 schools tied	100.0	1. 11 schools tied	100.0	1. 2 schools tied	100.0	1. 7 schools tied	100.0	1. Five schools tied	100.0
18. Libertyville Dist. 70	87.1	26. Millburn Dist. 24	94.0	17. Oak Grove Dist. 68	86.8	19. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	92.1	5. Rondout Dist. 72	93.8
26. Rondout Dist. 72	85.7	24. Libertyville Dist. 70	93.5	22. Libertyville Dist. 70	86.0	25. Libertyville Dist. 70	90.7	17. Oak Grove Dist. 68	90.0
28. Oak Grove Dist. 68	85.1	36. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	91.4	37. Millburn Dist. 24	83.3	56. Rondout Dist. 72	86.7	45. Libertyville Dist. 70	83.4
47. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	82.5	47. Rondout Dist. 72	90.0	49. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	81.1	60. Fremont Dist. 79	86.5	50. Millburn Dist. 24	83.0
67. Mundelein Dist. 75	79.6	54. Oak Grove Dist. 68	89.6	61. Fremont Dist. 79	79.0	68. Gurnee Dist. 56	85.5	66. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	81.0
68. Hawthorn Dist. 73	79.5	56. Hawthorn Dist. 73	89.2	79. Hawthorn Dist. 73	76.0	69. Oak Grove Dist. 68	85.4	85. Comm. Dist. 46	78.2
74. Fremont Dist. 79	78.6	84. Fremont Dist. 79	86.1	87. Antioch Dist. 34	86.0	93. Wauconda Dist. 118	81.6	88. Hawthorn Dist. 73	78.0
78. Millburn Dist. 24	78.3	89. Antioch Dist. 34	86.0	89. Gurnee Dist. 56	85.7	94. Mundelein Dist. 75	81.5	96. Gurnee Dist. 56	77.0
98. Comm. Unit Dist. 46	74.8	106. Big Hollow Dist. 38	83.8	102. Mundelein Dist. 75	72.4	97. Millburn Dist. 24	81.1	103. Woodland Dist. 50	76.1
100. Woodland Dist. 50	74.6	112. Gavin Dist. 37	82.3	104. Comm. Dist. 46	72.2	112. Comm. Dist. 46	79.4	104. Wauconda Dist. 118	76.0
126. Gurnee Dist. 56	68.5	115. Woodland Dist. 50	82.0	125. Rondout Dist. 72	68.8	129. Woodland Dist. 50	76.5	117. Fremont Dist. 79	73.3
129. Big Hollow Dist. 38	68.3	127. Lake Villa Dist. 41	80.8	151. Fox Lake Dist. 114	63.8	132. Hawthorn Dist. 73	76.1	120. Big Hollow Dist. 38	73.0
142. Wauconda Dist. 118	65.6	128. Mundelein Dist. 75	80.6	153. Antioch Dist. 34	63.5	151. Antioch Dist. 34	72.9	122. Lake Villa Dist. 41	72.9
153. Lake Villa Dist. 41	63.0	137. Fox Lake Dist. 114	79.2	164. Wauconda Dist. 118	61.2	154. Lake Villa Dist. 41	72.7	124. Gavin Dist. 37	72.6
154. Fox Lake Dist. 114	62.9	160. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	69.6	166. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	60.7	156. Big Hollow Dist. 38	72.5	129. Antioch Dist. 34	71.2
161. Gavin Dist. 37	62.1	185. Round Lake Dist. 116	69.6	186. Gavin Dist. 37	54.9	158. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	72.3	145. Mundelein Dist. 75	68.4
169. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	60.1	214. Waukegan Dist. 60	56.0	194. Round Lake Dist. 116	50.5	163. Fox Lake Dist. 114	71.3	160. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	65.7
173. Antioch Dist. 34	59.0	237. Patton Dist. 133	31.0	237. Patton Dist. 133	16.8	171. Gavin Dist. 37	69.7	177. Fox Lake Dist. 114	60.9
216. Round Lk Dist. 116	42.0	State average	73.7	State average	60.4	199. Round Lake Dist. 116	59.7	188. Round Lake Dist. 116	55.9
220. Waukegan Dist. 60	42.0					214. Waukegan Dist. 60	50.8	211. Waukegan Dist. 60	47.5
237. Burnham Dist. 154	11.1					237. Burnham Dist. 154	12.5	237. Patton Dist. 133	11.1
State average	63.7					State average	66.5	State average	62.0
Writing		Social Science		Writing		Social Science		Writing	
1. Giant City Dist. 130	96.0	1. 3 schools tied	100.0	1. 5 schools tied	100.0	1. 4 schools tied	100.0	1. 5 schools tied	100.0
3. Rondout Dist. 72	92.9	18. Libertyville Dist. 70	88.3	9. Rondout Dist. 72	93.8	21. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	90.6	9. Rondout Dist. 72	93.8
22. Libertyville Dist. 70	86.3	19. Oak Grove Dist. 68	88.0	23. Libertyville Dist. 70	90.5	36. Oak Grove Dist. 68	87.6	23. Libertyville Dist. 70	90.5
46. Millburn Dist. 24	81.9	34. Hawthorn Dist. 73	84.8	42. Fremont Dist. 79	86.1	38. Libertyville Dist. 70	87.5	42. Fremont Dist. 79	86.1
69. Oak Grove Dist. 68	78.9	40. Fremont Dist. 79	83.8	43. Oak Grove Dist. 68	86.0	67. Fremont Dist. 79	82.9	43. Oak Grove Dist. 68	86.0
76. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	78.3	47. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	82.8	52. Big Hollow Dist. 38	85.0	90. Rondout Dist. 72	80.0	52. Big Hollow Dist. 38	85.0
81. Mundelein Dist. 75	77.2	56. Big Hollow Dist. 38	81.1	88. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	80.3	94. Wauconda Dist. 118	79.7	88. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	80.3
104. Fremont Dist. 79	72.4	64. Rondout Dist. 72	80.0	95. Millburn Dist. 24	79.2	104. Gurnee Dist. 56	77.7	95. Millburn Dist. 24	79.2
105. Wauconda Dist. 118	71.9	82. Comm. Dist. 46	77.6	96. Gurnee Dist. 56	79.0	117. Comm. Dist. 46	75.9	96. Gurnee Dist. 56	79.0
109. Gurnee Dist. 56	71.4	82. Millburn Dist. 24	77.6	124. Lake Villa Dist. 41	73.8	130. Hawthorn Dist. 73	73.9	124. Lake Villa Dist. 41	73.8
121. Comm. Dist. 46	69.1	92. Woodland Dist. 50	76.4	124. Mundelein Dist. 75	73.8	136. Millburn Dist. 24	73.7	124. Mundelein Dist. 75	73.8
157. Hawthorn Dist. 73	60.3	102. Wauconda Dist. 118	74.5	131. Wauconda Dist. 118	72.5	138. Mundelein Dist. 75	72.2	131. Wauconda Dist. 118	72.5
157. Woodland Dist. 50	60.3	112. Antioch Dist. 34	71.3	139. Woodland Dist. 50	71.0	147. Woodland Dist. 50	70.7	139. Woodland Dist. 50	71.0
171. Fox Lake Dist. 114	57.9	118. Gurnee Dist. 56	70.3	146. Comm. Dist. 46	69.6	149. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	70.4	139. Woodland Dist. 50	71.0
176. Big Hollow Dist. 38	55.5	120. Mundelein Dist. 75	70.1	158. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	68.0	154. Fox Lake Dist. 114	68.8	158. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	69.6
178. Antioch Dist. 34	54.3	124. Lake Villa Dist. 41	69.6	161. Round Lake Dist. 116	67.4	156. Big Hollow Dist. 38	61.1	158. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	69.6
197. Lake Villa Dist. 41	47.2	149. Gavin Dist. 37	72.6	168. Antioch Dist. 34	66.4	159. Lake Villa Dist. 41	67.6	161. Round Lake Dist. 116	67.4
198. Waukegan Dist. 60	47.1	152. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	65.6	188. Hawthorn Dist. 73	62.8	165. Antioch Dist. 34	66.8	168. Antioch Dist. 34	66.4
217. Gavin Dist. 37	40.9	182. Round Lake Dist. 116	55.4	196. Waukegan Dist. 60	59.1	184. Gavin Dist. 37	60.5	188. Hawthorn Dist. 73	62.8
222. Diamond Lake Dist. 76	39.0	195. Fox Lake Dist. 114	50.5	199. Gavin Dist. 37	57.5	185. Round Lake Dist. 116	60.2	196. Waukegan Dist. 60	59.1
233. Round Lake Dist. 116	25.6	236. Waukegan Dist. 60	36.1	209. Fox Lake Dist. 114	55.3	213. Waukegan Dist. 60	49.2	199. Gavin Dist. 37	57.5
236. Sandridge Dist. 172	8.1	237. Ford Heights Dist. 169	18.8	236. Grass Lake Dist. 36	13.0	237. Patton Dist. 133	9.5	209. Fox Lake Dist. 114	55.3
State average	59.0	State average	60.4	State average	64.8	State average	62.6	236. Burnham Dist. 154	17.4
Math		Math		Math		Math		Math	
1. 4 schools tied	100.0	1. 4 schools tied	100.0	1. Rondout D72, 7 others	100.0	1. Rondout D72, 24 others	100.0	1. Rondout D72, 24 others	100.0
14. Rondout Dist. 72	86.7	7. Millburn Dist. 24	95.0	7. Millburn Dist. 24	95.0	13. Oak Grove Dist. 68	97.3	13. Oak Grove Dist. 68	97.3
26. Libertyville Dist. 70	82.6	23. Libertyville Dist. 70	92.8	23. Libertyville Dist. 70	92.8	42. Fremont Dist. 79	94.4	42. Fremont Dist. 79	94.4
30. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	80.4	24. Oak Grove Dist. 68	92.6	24. Oak Grove Dist. 68	92.6	70. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	92.3	70. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	92.3
36. Fremont Dist. 79	79.1	56. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	88.0	56. Lake Zurich Dist. 95	88.0	74. Millburn Dist. 24	91.9	74. Millburn Dist. 24	91.9
44. Hawthorn Dist. 73	77.8	78. Mundelein Dist. 75	84.9	78. Mundelein Dist. 75	84.9	74. Wauconda Dist. 118	91.9	74. Wauconda Dist. 118	91.9
60. Oak Grove Dist. 68	74.7	90. Lake Villa Dist. 41	83.3	90. Lake Villa Dist. 41	83.3	77. Woodland Dist. 50	91.7	77. Woodland Dist. 50	91.7
77. Millburn Dist. 24	71.7	96. Fremont Dist. 79	82.1	96. Fremont Dist. 79	82.1	93. Libertyville Dist. 70	90.6	93. Libertyville Dist. 70	90.6
94. Mundelein Dist. 75	68.2	96. Hawthorn Dist. 73	82.1	96. Hawthorn Dist. 73	82.1	101. Gavin Dist. 37	90.2	101. Gavin Dist. 37	90.2
106. Woodland Dist. 50	65.1	103. Woodland Dist. 50	81.5	103. Woodland Dist. 50	81.5	119. Comm. Dist. 46	87.9	119. Comm. Dist. 46	87.9
115. Gurnee Dist. 56	64.4	111. Comm. Dist. 46	80.8	111. Comm. Dist. 46	80.8	120. Hawthorn Dist. 73	87.8	120. Hawthorn Dist. 73	87.8
118. Big Hollow Dist. 38	63.4	114. Gurnee Dist. 56	80.6	114. Gurnee Dist. 56	80.6	123. Lake Villa Dist. 41	87.3	123. Lake Villa Dist. 41	87.3
132. Wauconda Dist. 118	60.8	127. Antioch Dist. 34	78.5	127. Antioch Dist. 34	78.5	123. Mundelein Dist. 75	87.3	123. Mundelein Dist. 75	87.3
133. Comm. Dist. 46	60.6	135. Wauconda Dist. 118	77.2	135. Wauconda Dist. 118	77.2	145. Antioch Dist. 34	85.2	145. Antioch Dist. 34	85.2
141. Gavin Dist. 37	59.5	140. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	76.4	140. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	76.4	148. Big Hollow Dist. 38	85.0	148. Big Hollow Dist. 38	85.0
154. Fox Lake Dist. 114	54.4	151. Big Hollow Dist. 38	74.4	151. Big Hollow Dist. 38	74.4	148. Fox Lake Dist. 114	85.0	148. Fox Lake Dist. 114	85.0
154. Lake Villa Dist. 41	54.4	167. Fox Lake Dist. 114	70.2	167. Fox Lake Dist. 114	70.2	153. Gurnee Dist. 56	84.7	153. Gurnee Dist. 56	84.7
161. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	51.6	176. Round Lake Dist. 116	67.2	176. Round Lake Dist. 116	67.2	155. Round Lake Dist. 116	83.7	155. Round Lake Dist. 116	83.7
172. Antioch Dist. 34	49.0	188. Gavin Dist. 37	63.7	188. Gavin Dist. 37	63.7	160. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	82.5	160. Diamond Lk Dist. 76	82.5
206. Waukegan Dist. 60	31.2	203. Waukegan Dist. 60	55.3	203. Waukegan Dist. 60	55.3	193. Waukegan Dist. 60	72.2	193. Waukegan Dist. 60	72.2
217. Round Lake Dist. 116	26.3	237. Calumet Dist. 132	25.3	237. Calumet Dist. 132	25.3	237. Patton Dist. 133	17.8	237. Patton Dist. 133	17.8
237. Ford Heights Dist. 169	6.7	State average	68.3	State average	68.3	State average	75.7	State average	75.7

Campaign disclosure conference to be held

To help candidates understand the process, a campaign disclosure workshop will be held on Jan. 17, 2004. The broadcast can be seen at the College of Lake County, Meeting Room B-143, 19351 W. Washington St. in Grayslake.

Staff from the State Board of Elections will show how to complete reporting forms, along with a question and answer period.

The workshop will last about two hours. For more information, call the clerk's office at 847-377-2314 or the State Board of Elections at 217-782-1543.

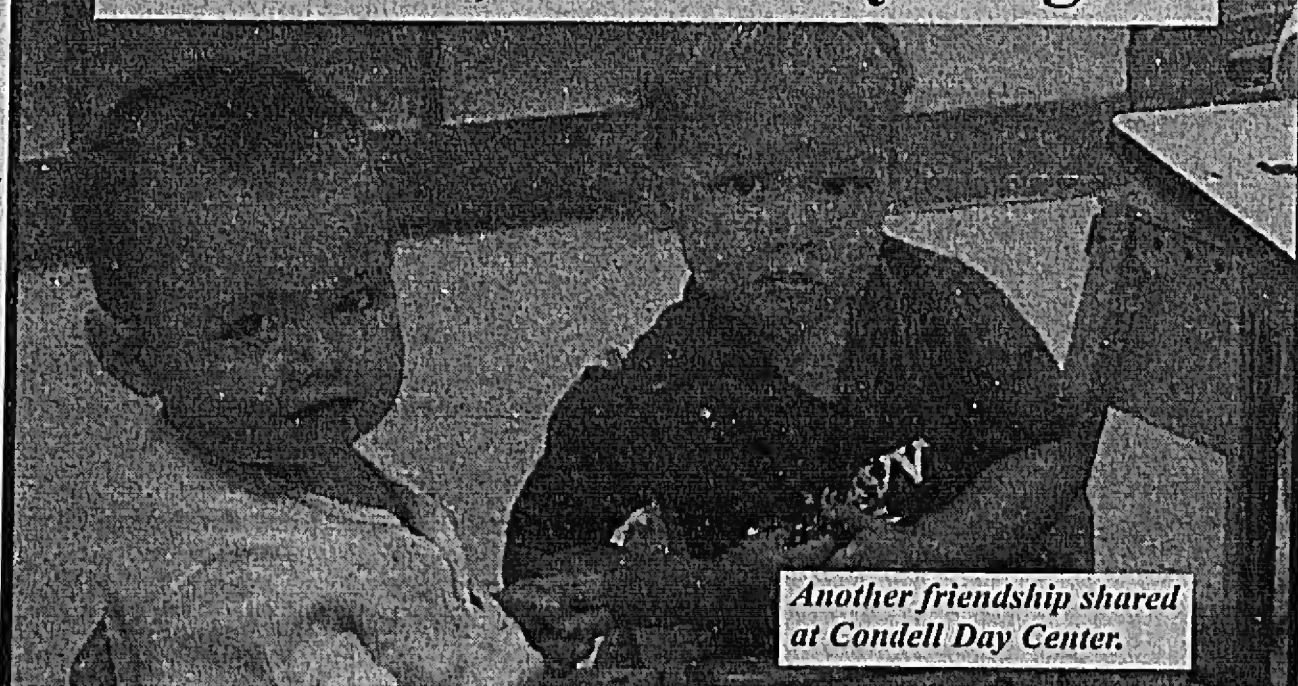
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Drop off your bare Christmas tree with no decorations, at one of six Lake County Forest Preserves from Dec. 26-Feb. 1. Your recycled Christmas tree will then be converted to woodchips for use on trails and landscaping throughout the Lake County Forest Preserves.

Designated Forest Preserve drop-off sites are: Ryerson Conservation Area near Deerfield, Greenbelt near Waukegan and North Chicago, Half Day near Vernon Hills, Lakewood near Wauconda, Old School near Libertyville and Van Patten Woods near Wadsworth.

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EDITORIALS

See confidence for 2004 outlook; more jobs key

Confidence in the future has a lot to do with the outlook for a continuing business recovery in 2004. Consumer confidence is on the upswing. Sales figures are not yet in, but Lake County retailers in general indicated satisfaction with Christmas business this year.

Nationally, business executive confidence was at its highest level since 1992 in the third quarter. Market indicators show investor confidence surging to a 20 month high in November. Ever since the end of World War II, consumption always has been a key component of a strong economy. Remember the bellweather predictions of "pent up demand?" Tax reduction is a strong part of economic reform because it builds consumer confidence.

Predictably, Republican office holders and strategists are painting a glowing picture for the coming year. To buttress their cause, they're offering figures like the value of U.S. stock markets increasing by about \$2 trillion since last January. The GOP figure for job creation in the last three months alone is close to 300,000. The Republican view of real GDP growth of 8.2 percent annualized in the third quarter was the best in 20 years.

In Illinois, State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, state GOP chairwoman, has the job of spreading the good news. General confidence is giving rise to job creation which will key a general economic recovery. Not so surprisingly, Topinka credits the leadership of President Bush.

With an election year at hand, both Republicans and Democrats will be tussling over who can do the best job of spurring the economy. Consider it a good sign that the state's largest labor union has made the decision to endorse in the U.S. Senate race the Democratic candidate with the best plan for job creation.

We also take it as a good sign when both major political parties are on the same page for lighting fires for more jobs. The U.S. Senate race in Illinois in 2004 will be a job creation lightning rod.

One of the frustrating aspects of the economic outlook is the stubbornly high unemployment rate, nationally pegged at six percent. Economists and leaders of both political parties agree that the Illinois unemployment rate is 6.7 percent. Politicians and business leaders are struggling to translate economic growth into job growth.

It will truly be a Happy New Year when more people go back to work.

Double tracking has fed backing

History shows that the federal government "opened the west" with generous subsidies to the railroad industry. Rail expansion still rests in a large measure due to public funding.

Evidence of unchanging governmental support is the double-tracking project of the North Central Line running from Chicago to Antioch. Double tracking work began in early summer 2003.

The Illinois Congressional delegation can take credit for securing \$52 million in funding for Metra, the rail arm of the Regional Transportation Authority operating public transit in Chicago and the Collar Counties. Of the amount, \$20 million is earmarked for the second track on the North Central Line, which has been an unqualified success. In Lake County, the line serves Lake Villa-Lindenhurst, Grayslake, Libertyville, Mundelein and Buffalo Grove.

North Central expansion will result in increased service from 10 trains per day to 22 trains per day. Planners and local officials contend that the line already is achieving the intended effect of redirecting commuting from the central county area from highways to rail.

The remaining \$32 million will go towards expansion of two other Metra lines: the UP West line from Geneva to Elburn and the South West line from Orlando Park to Manhattan.

Illinois long has been on the "short end" of tax dollars paid, meaning that less is returned by Washington than sent. When the double track is in full use sometime in 2005, Lake County residents will have the satisfaction (grudging, no doubt) of seeing "their tax dollars at work."

EVERY TIME A BELL RINGS
SOMEONE FROM FORMER GOVERNOR
GEORGE RYAN'S STAFF
JUST GOT
INDICTED.



VIEWPOINT

Good or bad? Lots of both

This is the time of year that the printed pages and the airwaves are full of lists. Like the good parts of 2003. Or what were the bad things that happened the past year.

One of our favorite columnists, George Will (an Illinois guy, by the way), made a case that an eventful 2003 was not "in our interests." Meaning that a lot of stuff that happened like judicial approval of same sex marriages, extending First Amendment protection to child pornography, media cheaters like Jayson Blair of The New York Times, and blah, blah, blah, didn't exactly expand the cause for humanity. Well, put George.

Still, it is part of human nature to draw up lists. And make comparisons. Pondering the good and bad of 2003, it became apparent that happiness and sadness are intertwined, inextricably connected. The capture of Saddam Hussein was good. The cost in American lives and treasure is bad. Losing a daughter to matrimony might be sad for a father, but escorting her down the aisle to start a new chapter in life is happiness.

The year ended on a sour note politically with the indictment of



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former Gov. George Ryan. Bad. But the door is open for a new era of wholesome ethics in Illinois government. Good.

Sports provides an excellent example of how good and bad are tied closely. The Cubs kicked away a World Series opportunity. Bad. The Cubs turned around a losing tradition with a winning season and a division title. Good. The Libertyville Wildcats football team missed a state title by one play. Bad. The Cats had a great season and made the state finals. Good.

Woodland School teachers walked off the job in a wage and benefits dispute, sending 7,000 children to the streets. Bad. Teachers signed a new contract to

give the district two years of labor peace. Good. Traffic gridlock in Lake County gets worse by the day. Terrible. County officials decide to let citizens vote on a tax increase for improving roads. Better.

Gurnee officials squabble about buying flower bulbs from a local florist who happens to be a village trustee. Silly. Council members support putting the spotlight on the need to keep all business transactions in the open and above board. Smart.

Wauconda elementary school bans bike riding to class. Stupid. School officials lift ban. Sensible. Founding Trustee James Lumber resigned after serving 35 years on the College of Lake County board. Color that blue. CLC votes to name college's performing arts building in Lumber's honor. Red-letter move.

Deciding whether the past 12 months were bad or good depends on an individual's point of view. In reality, there was a lot of both. As usual.

War opposed

Anti-war messages are showing up here and there throughout the county. Mostly the form taken is a spray painted BUSH under STOP on a traffic sign.

The corporate world—can be cruel

A gentleman recently told me an account of what happened at his place of employment and it is such a poignant story that I thought it should be told. I don't believe that he knew that I write a column, and I won't use his name or anyone else in the story and as you read it you will understand why.

He said that he works "out in the field," but on this day he came to the office and a number of the women employees there seemed somber and sad, one virtually in tears. He asked, "what happened; did we have another fatality?"

One of them answered, "I guess you haven't heard; they got rid of Mary (not her real name); they fired her." Mary was mentally handicapped. She did minor tasks around the office, which gave her self esteem and dignity. Everyone loved her. Mary was paid \$6,000 a year.

When the gentleman heard what happened, he was crestfallen. He was 40 years with the company and is soon to retire. To help Mary from this injustice, he thought that



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THROUGH**
John S. Matijevich

"he should go to the top of the corporation."

He called the office of the director of the corporation. The director wasn't in, so he talked to his secretary. He told her what happened to Mary, and he wanted to speak to her boss about it. She gave "the company line," and said something like, "you know decisions like these, for budget reasons, or whatever, are made at the higher levels and nothing can be done about it."

He then told her what he intended to talk to the director about. He said, "I know that there will be a stockholders' meeting in a couple of weeks and I am going to attend it and ask how they could fire Mary." He said he was going to ask how they could find over \$20

million to pay a retirement package to a retiring executive of the corporation and they couldn't find \$6,000 to pay Mary for a year!

He told the secretary that he knew that the media would cover the meeting. They would certainly be interested in "the story of Mary." The secretary said that she would inform the director of his intentions.

It wasn't long afterward that same day when the gentleman was working at his job in field operations. His cell phone rang.

It was a call from the director of the parent corporation. The story of Mary unfolded.

The director, on hearing the story, said "don't go to the media; I'll tell you what I'm going to do; we're going to re-instate Mary and double her salary at \$12,000 a year."

The director thought that he was making such a generous gesture that the gentleman would be totally happy. But, the gentleman said to him, "you know we shouldn't even be having this

PARTY LINES

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Re-election music favors four incumbents

This winds it up for Party Lines for 2003, but before turning to the comings and goings of politics for the new year, let's listen to the Victory March crowding out holiday music for four incumbents.

Two Republicans in the Lake County General Assembly delegation will be returning to another term without opposition, **Sidney Mathias** in the south county and mostly Cook County 53rd District and **JoAnn Osmond** in the 61st District running along the Wisconsin stateline. Both are regarded as firmly entrenched and Democrats gave them only a passing glance for opposition. Osmond, succeeding her late husband, earned freshman honors for leadership and dedication.

Barring write-in campaigns, two seasoned County Board veterans will spend 2004 going to rallies for other candidates as they are unopposed after the official filing closing.

Audrey Nixon of North Chicago, a Democrat, and **Diana O'Kelly** of Fremont Township (rural Mundelein), a Republican, can take early victory bows.

Barrington face-off

Barrington Mayor **Marshall Reagle** may be getting tired of non-stop council battles over the village manager's job. Providing a change of political pace will be his effort to unseat in the primary incumbent



Mathias

Christmas comes early for two state representatives running without opposition.



Osmond

bent State Rep. **Mark Beaubien** (R-Barrington Hills). Beaubien gave a generous amount of time last election campaigning in the McHenry County portion of the redrawn 52nd District so he is looked upon to be in good shape to withstand a primary challenge.

Sanitary showdown

Two long-time political adversaries are going to knock heads again for a seat on the North Shore Sanitary District. Both are former mayors of Highland Park. Facing off will be **Dan Pierce**, Democrat, and **Ray Geraci**, Republican. Pierce, concluding a long run two years ago, said then he was

retiring permanently from politics. The district has been plagued by a variety of problems, including contamination of public beaches.

Show going strong

Cable casts of Shields Township meetings, first in the county, are going strong after five years. Supervisor **Charles B. Fitzgerald IV** says the programming is valued for education and keeping viewers in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and North Chicago in tune with their local township government with twice weekly showings. Fitzgerald is both "star" of the show and delivery man of meeting tapes to production facilities in Zion.

Getting around

Betty Niemi, Lake County Republican chairwoman, is making steady progress recovering from complications resulting from injuries sustained in a fall in her home last summer. Friends reported that Niemi's spirits are buoyed now that she's able to make frequent trips out of her home. Niemi retired as assessor of Grant Township. She is a former head of the Lake County Assessor's Association.

Helps taxpayers

Residents of Lady Lake, Fla., lauded **Mike Francis**, a former Lake County

Republican party activist, when he concluded a term as mayor. Francis was praised for saving taxpayers an estimated \$11.5 million on key decisions involving utilities and taxes. After retiring from the Ingleside area and moving to Florida, Francis entered public service in the Orlando area community.

Preserving history

The new Fox Lake Village Hall will have a sense of the past courtesy of a village trustee.

"I bid for this print of a picture of Nippersink Boulevard and Grand Avenue at the Grant High School gala. It is a scene before the fire of 1917. You can see the whole block, village hall, cars and horse and buggies. It is very unique," said Trustee **Ed Bender**.

Bender presented the framed print to Mayor **Nancy Koske**.

"A whole number of people have pulled together to assist the new village hall," Koske said.

The official opening day for the village hall at 66 Thillen Dr. was Dec. 15. Departments have been moving in. The police department will take over the old village hall at Route 59.

"We wanted to get people into offices before the cold weather comes in," Bender said.

A map will be placed at the old village hall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We all must stand together on troop support

Recently my wife and I had the privilege of visiting and touring our Great Lakes Naval Training Station. We also had the honor of attending the graduation ceremony for the latest group of recruits. Part of the tour included a review of "Battle Stations" where recruits in their last week of training go through grueling exercises over a continuous 24 hour period.

The exhaustive training includes participating in simulated rescue operations similar to those encountered during the fire on the USS Forrestal and the recent terrorist attack on the USS Cole.

After the recruits successfully completed the exercises (about 6 a.m.), an emotional ceremony was conducted by their commanding officers recognizing their efforts and elevating them from the status of recruit to that of a Navy Sailor. The honor was symbolized by the exchange of a ball cap that read "RECRUIT" to one that read "NAVY".

Captain Mike Moran, commanding officer of Great Lakes RTC, gave an emotional and inspirational speech that instilled duty, honor and pride in each of the fine young men and women before us. Many thoughts ran through my mind as I listened to Captain Moran speak about their mission to preserve our freedom and protect us from those who want to see Americans dead. I realized that Americans just saying they support our troops isn't enough. We must let them know

that not only do we believe in them, but also that we believe in what they are doing and that we are grateful for their efforts.

We have ample opportunity in this country to debate our military policy before it is executed. Once it is, we should recognize that the decision has been made, our democratic process has been followed and we must now join together as Americans to support the mission. Only then can we proudly and honestly say that we support our troops.

After the ceremony, we had the opportunity to walk among the sailors and congratulate them. Our day at Great Lakes ended with attendance at recruit graduation where dozens of young men and women became Seamen. It was quite an honor and it made us proud to be Americans.

Don Rudny
Mayor of Gurnee

Legitimate debt

First, there were deadbeat dads. Now it appears we have Lake County deadbeat Democrats. Former Democratic candidate, Charles "Chuck" Fagan, who lost his bid last year for Lake County Sheriff, is apparently reneging on a political consulting firm's bill of \$10,000.

A lawsuit has been filed to recoup the money.

Fagan lost the race for Sheriff and with

that loss, apparently, his ability to make good on a legitimate debt.

Rochelle Swanson
Waukegan

Illegal meeting

We know that the Lake County State's Attorney's office has found that Ed Abderholden, Cook Library president, violated the Open Meetings Law on Dec. 2.

For one who lectures others on open meetings, violations as a very serious civil wrong for elected officials, I find it amazing that he would break the law. Abderholden advocates censoring for merely the appearance of an infraction, while here he actually violates the law itself. By his own words he should censure himself or be

called a hypocrite.

In Abderholden's zeal to take library meetings out of the Cook Library in Libertyville, he does not follow the law and post a proper agenda for the Dec. 2 meeting held at the Laschen Center in Vernon Hills. People going to the Laschen Center to see what would be discussed at the meeting had no idea what topics were on hand. The people's right to know should not be violated.

Besides Cook Board President Ed Abderholden, Board Members Karen Broms, Linda Lucke, Aaron Lawlor and Steve Risley were in attendance and openly discussed Cook business without legally required notice and agenda. All compatriots in breaking the Open Meetings law.

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SEEING

conversation; you are at the very top and I am near the bottom; but, someone in the middle of the organization must be screwing up to make such heartless decisions."

He also told the director that he wasn't sure that she could go back to work. Two days before she was fired, her father passed away and she relied on him to drive her to work. The director said that he would see to it that she was transported to work.

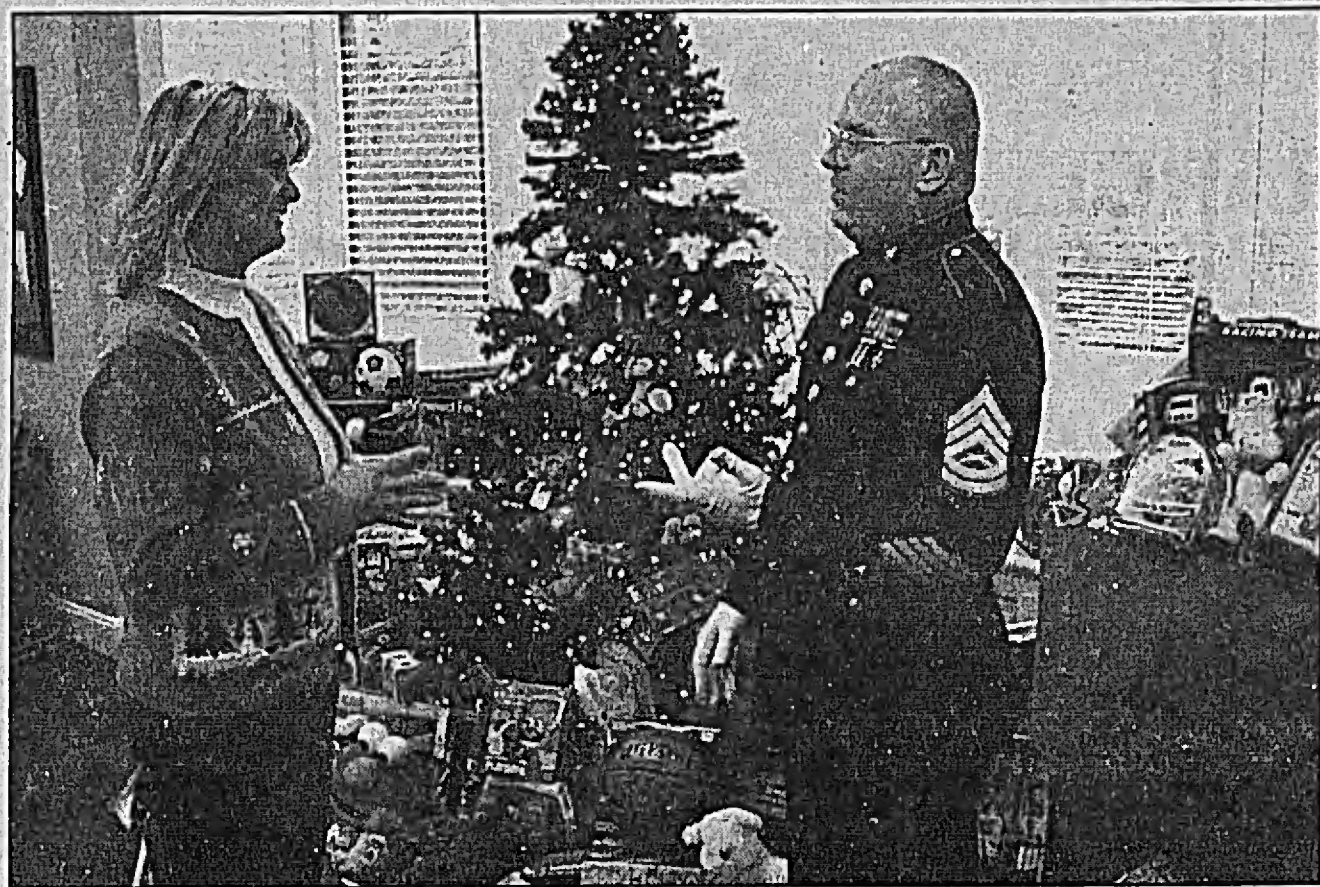
What a happy ending.

It is a happy ending to a story that should never have had a beginning. I thought that the story should be told because it tells you something about "the corporate world." Too often, they are faceless and can treat

employees "on the lower rungs" in such heartless ways. It is doubly troubling that the victim was mentally handicapped.

Would this story have had the happy ending if the corporation did not receive the threat that the media might discover the disparity in how they handle defenseless employees and top executives. Would Mary's job have been saved if it were not for one courageous employee who knew that "he had put in his time for the company and now it was his time to stand up for someone who had no voice to represent her.

"The corporate world could use more people like him at the top of the ladder, "caring people with a heart."



'Tis the season

Lake County Forest Preserve President Bonnie Thomson Carter assists U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Gunny David Adamson with Toys for Tots collection pick-up at the Lake County Forest Preserve offices. All six of the Lake County Forest Preserve locations served as Toys for Tots drop-off sites.—Photo by Lynn Gunnarson Dahlstrom

COUNTY BRIEFS

Nutrition training offered

The University of Illinois Extension is offering an in-service training series on current nutrition topics for dietitians, home economists, and healthcare providers beginning in January 2004. The sessions will be conducted via a telephone conferencing system at the Lake County office at 100 S. Highway 45 in Grayslake. To register or to obtain additional information contact the Extension office in Lake County at 847-223-8627 or visit the web site at www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/lake.

CASA presents awards

Four volunteers from Lake and Cook Counties received the three highest awards presented by the Lake County Court Appointed Special Advocates for their work in helping defenseless abused and neglected children. Liz Allen of Lake Forest received the Rose Bonomo Rookie of the Year Award at an awards dinner held with nearly 200 people in the Harrison House, Lake Bluff. Also receiving awards during the evening were Debbi Danti and Cindy Bleil, Highland Park as the outstanding volunteer team. The Lorraine Adams Smith volunteer of the year award was presented to Patti Morrell.

Tax volunteers help seniors

Every year, starting the first week of February and continuing until April 15 AARP's Tax-Aide volunteers help Lake County's seniors to cope with the confusion and trauma

associated with the filing of tax returns. Last year nearly 3,000 filers sought and received free tax counseling and tax preparation at 20 sites all across Lake County. At certain sites AARP's free service includes electronic filing of tax returns.

Volunteer tax counselors are given comprehensive training in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service to prepare them for this important and rewarding work. If you would like to become a tax-aide volunteer, or would just like to learn more about the program, contact Jim Ackerman, district coordinator, Lake County tax-aide at 847-680-9358.

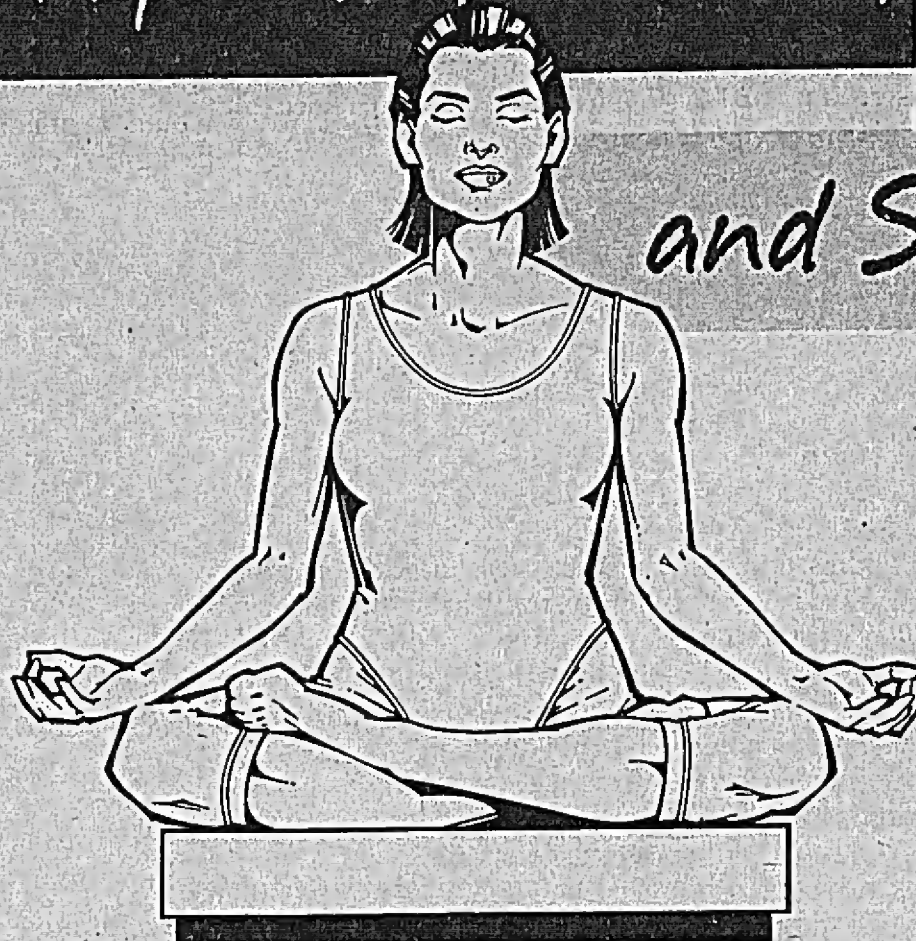
Teacher's Retirement System

The Lake County Regional office of education, in cooperation with the Teacher's Retirement System, is scheduling telephone conferences in this area on Jan. 27. Members of the Retirement System who have questions about their benefits may request a telephone conference with a TRS counselor. Call the Lake County Regional Office of Education at 847-543-7833. Conferences will be scheduled on Jan. 27, from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in 15-minute time periods. Call TRS at 1-800-877-7896 for details.

Grant received

The Center for Enriched Living in Riverwoods received a \$5,000 grant from the JCCC Foundation for its Community Helpers Project. The project is designed to provide opportunities for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities to explore community involvement and experience community service, while learning social skills.

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Yoga

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Time: Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Next sessions begin Monday, January 5.

Cost: \$68 for 8-week session. **Register by Friday, January 2.**

Power Yoga

A rigorous sequencing of postures and controlled breathing techniques to realign the muscular and skeletal system.

Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Next sessions begin Wednesday, January 7.

Cost: \$68 for 8-week session. **Register by Friday, January 2.**

Aerobics

Low impact strength training and cardiovascular exercise set to fun energetic music.

Time: Tuesdays or Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Next session begins Tuesday, January 6 or Thursday, January 8.

Cost: \$56 for 8-week session. **Register by Friday, January 2.**

Senior Exercise

An exercise program specifically designed for seniors/older adults to strengthen upper and lower extremities.

Time: Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m.

Next session begins Wednesday, January 7.

Cost: \$56 for 8-week session. **Register by Friday, January 2.**

Brain Gym®

Brain Gym or educational kinesiology is a class of easy movements to help facilitate learning by helping the participant to better focus and relax.

Time: One-day seminar - Monday, February 9, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35. **Register by Friday, February 6.**

A minimum of 8 people is required for a class to run. A maximum of 15 people is allowed and will be on a first come, first served basis. A spot in a class can only be held by a check or credit card. All registrations must be completed by the Friday prior to the first class. Additional sessions coming in March, 2004.



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Holiday patrols upped

Lake County Sheriff Gary Del Re announced the Sheriff's Highway Patrol Division will be focusing on drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs this holiday season.

"Lake County deputies will step up concentration in the area of DUI enforcement during normal patrol hours," Del Re said. "It is our sincere hope that such enforcement helps reduce the number of alcohol related accidents and fatalities."

To support the need for increased enforcement, Del Re refers to the accident and fatality totals for the Lake County Sheriff's Office in 2002. In that year, 25 fatal accidents occurred resulting in 27 deaths. Almost half of those accidents involved alcohol or drugs.

The on-going fight against impaired drivers is not limited to Lake County. A review of national statistics clearly exhibits how devas-

tating the mixture of drinking and driving can be from state to state. In 2002, 17,400 lives were taken in alcohol related accidents across the U.S., according to the National Highway Traffic Administration.

"The Sheriff's Office recognizes that the holiday season is meant for celebrating and gathering amongst friends and family," Del Re said. "Our hope is that those who do participate in alcohol related festivities have the common sense not to drive under the influence."

Deputies assigned to patrol Lake County districts will, in addition to responding to routine calls for service, be monitoring drivers who may be DUI or who may be displaying other illegal behaviors such as transporting open liquor, violating driver's license laws, operating unsafe vehicles or violating safety belt and child passenger restraint laws.

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SURCHARGE

would, in effect be funded by a tax increase, costing those making \$500,000 per year an additional \$7,500 in taxes.

Venturi pointed out a self-defeating feature of the proposal, noting that "at least some" of the state's 81,343 millionaires choose to live in Illinois because of its relatively low tax rates.

"Some of these millionaires may move to other states causing us to lose not only the 3 percent surtax, but the revenue they generate from the current tax rate," he wrote.

In an interview,

Venturi pressed the point.

"People who make that kind of money can often afford to have two homes," he said. "They can easily switch their primary residence to another state."

While Quinn's letter cited 2 percent as the proportion of Illinois residents who earn over \$250,000 per year, in Lake County that percentage is doubled.

Venturi said the consensus among Lake County township supervisors was that the question should not appear on the ballot.

3 join LC Partners



McCarthy



Hyatt-Bosman



Yonan

Sean McCarthy and Tracey Hyatt Bosman have joined Lake County Partners staff to fill vacated positions of Business Recruitment Director.

The third newly-created position is Director of Development, filled by Jennifer Yonan.

McCarthy and Hyatt Bosman's duties will include the implementation of LCP's business attraction campaign set to

start this winter. They will work to attract new businesses to the county while assisting Lake County's existing business community with expansion and retention issues.

Yonan's responsibilities will include fundraising activities, membership recruitment and retention, marketing and public relations, public relations and events planning for LCP.

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LAKE FOREST HOSPITAL

CPR: Save a Life

Learn infant, child and adult CPR through the American Heart Association's Pediatric and Heartsaver course. Participants receive first aid instruction for choking, as well as information about heart disease, causes and prevention of injury, and cardiopulmonary arrest in children. This is a one-day course. Date: Saturday, Jan. 10. Time: 9:00 to 1 p.m.

Congregate Meals Program

Join others for low-cost, nutritional meals in the hospital cafeteria daily. A speaker or educational program of interest accompanies one meal each month. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, call 847-535-6176. Date: Thursday, Jan. 15. Time: 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

VISTA HEALTH

Vista Health's Senior Spirit sets luncheon schedule

Vista Health will again present its series of Senior Spirit luncheons in 2003. The low-cost events include a buffet lunch with beverage and an informational speaker. Cost is just \$2 for members of Senior Spirit and \$3 for non-members. Members must show their cards at the door. Reservations will be taken up to five days before each event. To make a reservation, call 1-800-843-2464. This month, the Senior Spirit luncheon is: December 16, Victory Memorial Hospital Same Day Surgery Conference Room, Waukegan. Topic will be "Handling Grief at the Holidays".

Childbirth Preparation

This class meets on four consecutive Tuesday evenings. Expectant parents are instructed in the labor and delivery experiences as well as in-breathing and relaxation techniques.

LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Crisis Counseling Available

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center offers walk-in and telephone crisis counseling and referrals for Lake County residents experiencing emotional stress. This is a service of the Crisis Care Program, 3002 Grand Ave., Waukegan. Counselors are available 24 hours a day. For assistance, call 847-377-8088. (ATDD, hearing impaired phone line is also available at 847-360-2905.)

CONDELL MEDICAL CENTER

Childbirth education classes

The childbirth education classes at Condell Medical Center, 801 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, will enhance and complement your doctor's advice. Taught by trained, certified instructors, these classes provide understanding, support and information that will take the expectant couple from pregnancy through the postpartum period, and help them to adjust to the changes that having a baby brings. Classes cover a variety of subjects including Pondering Pregnancy, Early Pregnancy, Childbirth Refresher, Infant Development, Grandparents Class, Basically Breast-feeding, Breast-feeding and Working and Caring for Baby. Call 847-990-5407, or in Spanish: 847-990-1289.

Adult fitness classes

Centre Club hosts Adult Fitness Classes from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Prairie View Park Building, 16652 Ford Clinton Rd., Vernon Township. This class is the former Senior Fitness class that was held at the Condell Acute Care Center in Buffalo Grove. A certified Centre Club instructor leads exercises to music from the 1940s, '50s and '60s. The cost is \$3 per class. The first class is free. Call Centre Club, 847-990-5742 or Vernon Township, 847-634-4600.

HEALTHWATCH

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December 26, 2003

Is Santa really coming to town?

Dear Dr. Singer,

We have 4 kids and the 2 older ones have been teasing the 2 younger ones that Santa does not exist. This is causing the 2 younger ones to be very upset and we aren't sure how to handle this. We don't want to lie to our children, however, Santa Claus is such a special part of Christmas in our house and we want our 2 younger kids to have that. What can we do? P.O.

Dear P.O.,

It's tough when those magical childhood thoughts hit reality head on. You didn't mention how old your kids are, so it's tough for me to advise you on how to handle the two older ones about this. For example, if they are teenagers, I would probably tell you that you could be more emphatic with them, but if they themselves are very young, it's not the same thing. Either way, what they are doing is not very nice. You could approach it from that angle and tell them that any kind of behavior considered rude and not nice is not acceptable in your home and can be met with consequences or, you could try to discuss with them how important it is for kids to have those magical thoughts when they are young. Whichever one works for your kids is what you use. I don't know your kids specifically, so it's tough for me to gauge which one of these would be better. Probably best to try what you feel most comfortable with and then if that doesn't work, try the other.

Additionally, who says Santa doesn't exist? The legend of Santa Claus actually began long ago. I cannot remember right now which country he was in, but he did exist. He was a kindly gentleman who went around giving food and clothing to the poor. This is far from what the Americanized version of Santa is, however, the spirit of giving



PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

to others is what Santa is all about. We all give to each other and therefore, Santa does exist! Maybe you can also use this experience to teach the 2 older kids about giving of themselves and allowing others to enjoy what they have, even if we're speaking about your 2 younger kid's thoughts and beliefs.

Actually, I was watching the news a few weeks ago and saw a story about Santa and the Chicago Post Office. It seems that many letters were coming into the post office addressed to Santa. Some of these people were asking for things like food and clothing because they had none. The post office set up a group of people to open these letters and see how they could get those things for those people. Obviously, some of them were harder to meet than others, like Grandmother who is watching 7 kids

because Mom and Dad are off doing missions in Iraq. I just thought it was so amazing and wonderful that the people at the post office were actually answering these letters to Santa and trying to help fill the needs. If that isn't true Santa, I don't know what is!

Kid's need to believe in things that they cannot actually touch or see. Especially if they are about goodness and happiness. Actually, we could all use some of that! Especially now during these hard times! HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOLKS!!!

Dr. Singer is a Psychologist who regularly works in person with readers of this column improving kid's attention, behavior, processing and learning skills fast. She has been an ADD Coach to many kids on meds and has also trained the skills of many other labeled kids who are not on medication to take them to attention, behavior and learning heights their parents never dreamed they were capable of. Dr. Singer is starting maternity leave in March and is taking only 3 more kids for the attention/behavior improvement program before the beginning of January. For an appointment call (708) 962-2549 or (847) 231-5644. Dr. Singer's office is located in Grayslake.

American Heart Association applauds introduction of House bill to help treat stroke, the nation's No. 3 killer

A bill introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this week will help ensure that stroke, the nation's No. 3

killer, is more widely recognized by the public and is treated effectively by health care providers.

The Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act of 2003 (STOP Stroke Act, H.R.3658,) was introduced on December 8 by Representatives Charles "Chip" Pickering, Jr., R-Miss., and Lois Capps, D-Calif. The bill will help raise public awareness about stroke and provide critical resources for states to help ensure that stroke patients receive quality care. Similar legislation was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., in late November.

"Stroke is a true medical emergency and should be treated as one by both the public and healthcare professionals," said Larry B. Goldstein, M.D., chair of the American Stroke Association Advisory Committee and director of the Duke University Center for Cerebrovascular Disease. "This bill will help ensure that those who suffer a stroke recognize the symptoms, get to the hospital rapidly, and are treated as quickly as possible with the most appropriate therapy."

The American Heart Association and its division the American Stroke Association commend Representatives Pickering and Capps for recognizing the urgency with which stroke must be addressed and taking action to reduce the toll it takes on our nation.

The STOP Stroke Act, which recognizes the importance of prevention, early intervention and rehabilitation, will provide resources to ensure that the public has greater awareness of the disease, that emergency medical personnel and health care professionals are trained to recognize its signs and symptoms, and that hospitals are equipped to provide the most effective care.

Stroke, which is caused by an interruption of blood flow to the brain due to a clogged blood vessel or bleeding from a ruptured blood vessel, strikes about 700,000 Americans each year and nearly 170,000 die annually.

On average, someone suffers a stroke every 45 seconds; and every 3 minutes, someone dies from one.

"We urge both the House and Senate to pass this legislation early next session, and provide Americans with the stroke care and treatment they deserve," said Dr. Goldstein.

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Featuring Lynette Bisconti

Lynette Bisconti is a five-year breast cancer survivor and a member of the Cancer Fighter advisory council. Her experience with cancer is truly inspirational and empowering. She is an outspoken advocate of seeking second opinions for options and choice when considering cancer treatment.



Special Guest Kala Bailey, RD, LD

Kala Bailey is a senior nutritionist at Cancer Treatment Centers of America with six years experience helping cancer patients manage their individual nutritional needs. In addition to serving as a nutritionist, Bailey is also a licensed professional counselor.



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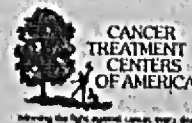
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Home improvement has become one of our country's greatest pastimes. Americans spent an estimated \$214 billion on home improvements, maintenance and repairs, according to Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies research report issued in February 2003. Just how and where that money is spent can make a big difference when it comes to investing in your home.

Of all the rooms in your house, bathrooms represent the greatest and fastest return on your remodeling investment. More than 80 percent of your bathroom remodeling expenses can be recouped within a year of resale. Not every room in the house offers such a return. Surprisingly, kitchens are sixth on the list with just over 60 percent of the costs returned. Only bathroom additions beat bathroom remodeling with returns over 90 percent.

Despite today's homeowner remodeling craze, you should weigh the pros and cons of taking on an entire bathroom project alone. Knowledge — including admitting your strengths and weaknesses — is the key to successfully completing any project on time and under budget. Ask yourself the following remodeling questions to ensure you are making the best decisions for your investment.

Is it a remodel or makeover?

"The first consideration should be the scope of work," says Rick Peters, remodeling expert and author of "MoneySmart Makeovers: Bathrooms." He asks: "Do you understand your home's plumbing systems, such as where the waste/vent stack is?"

If the remodeling project involves more than cosmetic fixture replacements or surface redecorating, it may be time to call in an expert to assess your home's plumbing and pipe placement. Peters suggests the following checklist:

Call a remodeling contractor when:

- Moving a toilet, sink, tub or shower
- Removing or adding walls
- Installing venting that runs through the roof

All of these projects require specific skills and knowledge of your local building and plumbing codes.

Try the following makeover projects yourself:

- Replacing a faucet, sink or toilet using existing plumbing
 - Installing shower or shower-tub combination doors
 - Installing new accessories, such as shelves or light fixtures
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- These projects require some skill base, but even a first-time do-it-yourselfer may be able to complete them in a reasonable timeframe.

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Carmel off to fast start at Warren Tourney

By STEVE PETERSON
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Teresa Ogrinc knows that Caitlin Krombach's and Jenny Eckhart's job is to put up the points to lead Carmel girls' offense.

That's fine with the 5-foot, 11-inch junior. She has a large role as well for the 10-2 Lady Corsairs, bringing down rebounds and igniting the offense.

She snared 15 in a 43-28 Carmel win over Warren in a challenging double dip for CHS. Carmel edged Grayslake 58-55 a few hours earlier Monday in the Warren Christmas tournament in Gurnee.

Krombach and Eckhart tallied their 1,000th points of their standout careers at CHS.

Having the steady influence of rebounding helps the Corsairs, too.

"It is huge. We talk about it all the time. You only want to give the other team one possession. She attacks the glass. We talk about rebounding as wanting the ball more than other players. Last year it was our biggest weakness. It is a focal point for us," said Carmel coach John Ryan.

"We know how important it is to get rebounds," Ogrinc said. "It is something that we work on a lot, because we know it will help us. We don't want to give up any second chance shots, so we work really hard to get the rebounds."

"Rebounds will be big. They work so hard to get the rebounds for us. They do such a good job," Krombach said.

But what about that Carmel offense? Krombach scored 22 points and Eckhart tallied seven as both hit the historic point plateau. Krombach needed five points and Eckhart three to reach the milestone. Krombach made six three-

pointers and set up Eckhart for her treys.

"Jenny has the green light and Caitlin does as well. Caitlin is a great shooter," Ryan said.

"I was wide open. It is easy to make them when you are that open," Krombach said. "They were sagging a lot. Our coach told us that we would go into that special offense. I was surprised. I had some wide open looks."

Krombach knows that effort such as Ogrinc's will be needed in the second half of the season and post-season play.

Carmel led 25-16 at halftime, as Krombach had five of her six treys. Eckhart added hers early in the third quarter. Carmel led 32-22 after three and never let Warren come closer than 10 points.

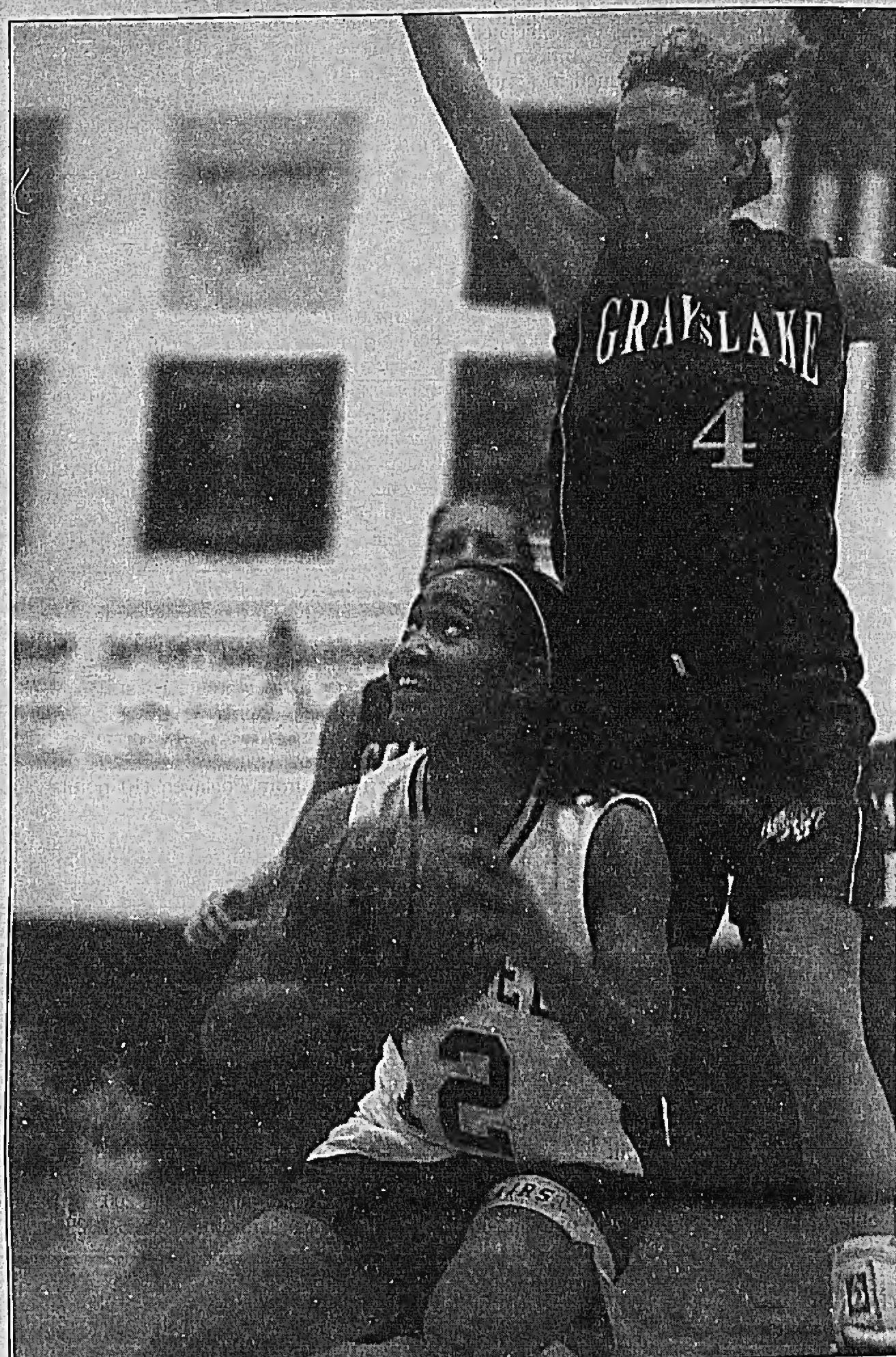
Carmel did the job defensively. T.K. LaFleur was held to seven points and Jessica Bollinger and Alexandra Leach added six each for Warren.

Eckhart and Krombach had 17 each in a 58-55 Carmel win over Grayslake in the first round.

"It was a very tough schedule, both teams played really well," Ogrinc said.

"We got our rest in between games. We got together, we had a lot of energy, I think, coming into this game. We knew that we had to play our two hardest games on the same day," Krombach said. "We wanted to show what we are capable of doing."

Tourney play continues at Warren High's Almond Road campus Dec. 26-27. Dec. 26 games feature Waukegan vs. Carmel at 4 p.m., Grayslake vs. Deerfield at 5:30 p.m. and Lake Forest vs. Warren at 7 p.m. Games Dec. 27 include Carmel vs. Deerfield at 12 p.m., Waukegan vs. Lake Forest at 1:30 p.m. and Grayslake vs. Warren at 3 p.m.



Carmel guard Becky Smith goes up for a shot in her team's 58-55 win over Grayslake in the Warren Holiday Tourney. The Corsairs will continue play in the tourney on Dec. 26-27.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

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WEDDINGS

Mr. & Mrs. Vince Juarez

Laura Amrein and Vince Juarez were married on Oct. 11, at the United Methodist Church of Antioch. Rev. Gary Curl officiated. The reception was held at the Antioch Golf Club. The couple honeymooned in London and Paris.

Laura is the daughter of Steve and Debby Amrein of Western Springs. Vince is the son of Ascencion and Sue Juarez of La Grange Park.

The bride attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is currently pursuing her MBA from Northern Illinois University. She is a CPA at a public accounting firm in West Dundee. The groom attended New Mexico State University and is a PGA Professional and General Manager at Antioch Golf Club.

The couple resides in Grayslake.



Mr. & Mrs. Vince Juarez

Lady Lancers searching for a foothold

By ROB BACKUS
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Just when CLC seemed to be heading up the mountaintop, to borrow from head coach Bill Braman's favorite metaphor, the Lady Lancers lost their grip and slipped.

In the opening game of the Triton Tournament, CLC was crushed by Malcolm X 95-41.

"We went from going towards the peak to having a backward slide," Braman said.

Malcolm X used its height advantage to dominate CLC on the boards and used a smothering pressure defense to force several first-half turnovers, something that has plagued the Lancers early in the season.

"We started to panic because of their press," Braman said.

The lone bright spot for CLC was the play of Erica Brown, who had 11 points and nine rebounds in the first half. Unfortunately, she had to leave at halftime to take a final and the game just got worse from there.

"We were forced to try and play catch up," Braman said of his team, which faced a 47-24 halftime deficit. "And when Brown left, we just fell further downhill." Fortunately, CLC was able to bounce back the next night against

Triton, and in dramatic fashion.

Down by three at the end of regulation, Kristin Poglayen hit a buzzer-beating three pointer to send the game into overtime.

The Lancers then held a slim, two-point lead at the end of the first overtime, until Triton scored with five seconds left to send the game into a second overtime.

Triton then held a five-point lead with time winding down in the second OT, until back-to-back threes from Poglayen (10 points) and Kristin Piasecki (23 points) put CLC up for good. The Lancers went on to win 87-85 in double overtime. Brown had another solid game with 20 points, despite fouling out at the end of regulation. Gina Spear also chipped in with 14 points for CLC (4-8).

"It was a complete reversal of the night before," Braman said. "Instead of rushing things, we took our time. We kept our poise against their press and we didn't panic."

Since starting out the season 0-3, CLC has since gone 4-5 and is searching for some consistency on the floor.

"We've been an up-and-down team," Braman said, "I would like to think that we'll continue to improve."

The Lancers will close out 2003 by playing in the DuPage Tournament on Dec. 29-30.

BRIDAL SHOWCASE

Corey Ann & Christopher Murphy

On Oct. 12, Corey Ann White and Christopher Murphy were married at All Saints Lutheran Church in Fox Lake. The bride is the daughter of Carole J. White and (the late), Curtis E. White of McHenry.

The groom is the son of Mary Ann and Jim Brown and Ronald Murphy all of Terre Haute, Ind.

The maid-of-honor was Caryn White and the best man was Brian Murphy.

The couple traveled to the Hawaiian Islands of Maui and Oahu for a honeymoon and will now reside in Fox Lake.



Corey Ann & Christopher Murphy

ENGAGEMENT

Courtnei Cashmore & Jason Altman

The engagement of Courtnei A. Cashmore and Jason C. Altman, has been announced.

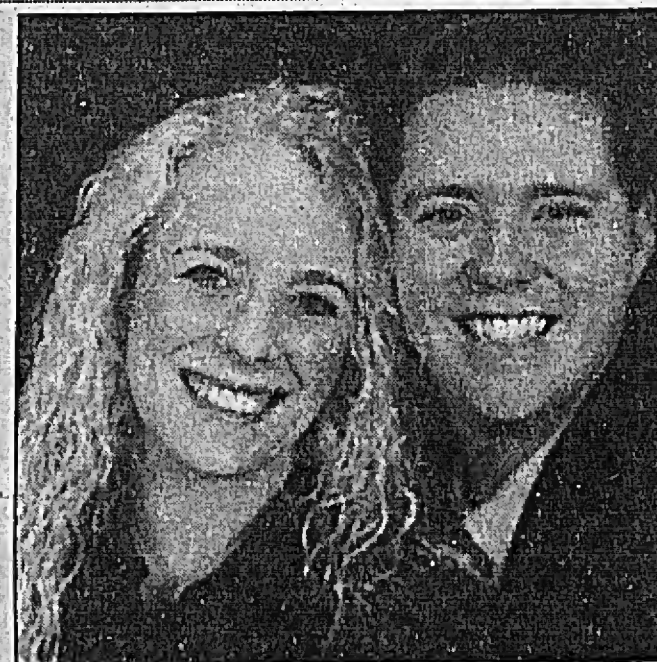
Courtnei, the bride-to-be is the daughter of William and Debra Cashmore of Antioch. Jason, the future groom is the son of Chuck and Judie Altman of Round Lake.

Courtnei is a graduate of Antioch High School and is employed at Omron Healthcare, Inc. as a customer relations financial specialist.

The future groom, Jason, is a graduate of Round Lake High School. He has a Bachelors of Science in Business degree from Bradley University. Jason is employed at Landmark Incentive Marketing as a lead travel director.

The couple became engaged in Beaver Creek, Colo. on Nov. 21.

The wedding will take place Sept. 10, 2004 at Vail, Colo., on top of Vail Mountain with the Rev. Lisle Kauffman officiating. The reception will be held Sept. 19, 2004 at Lake Geneva, Wis. Jason and Courtnei plan to settle in Gurnee.



Courtnei Cashmore & Jason Altman

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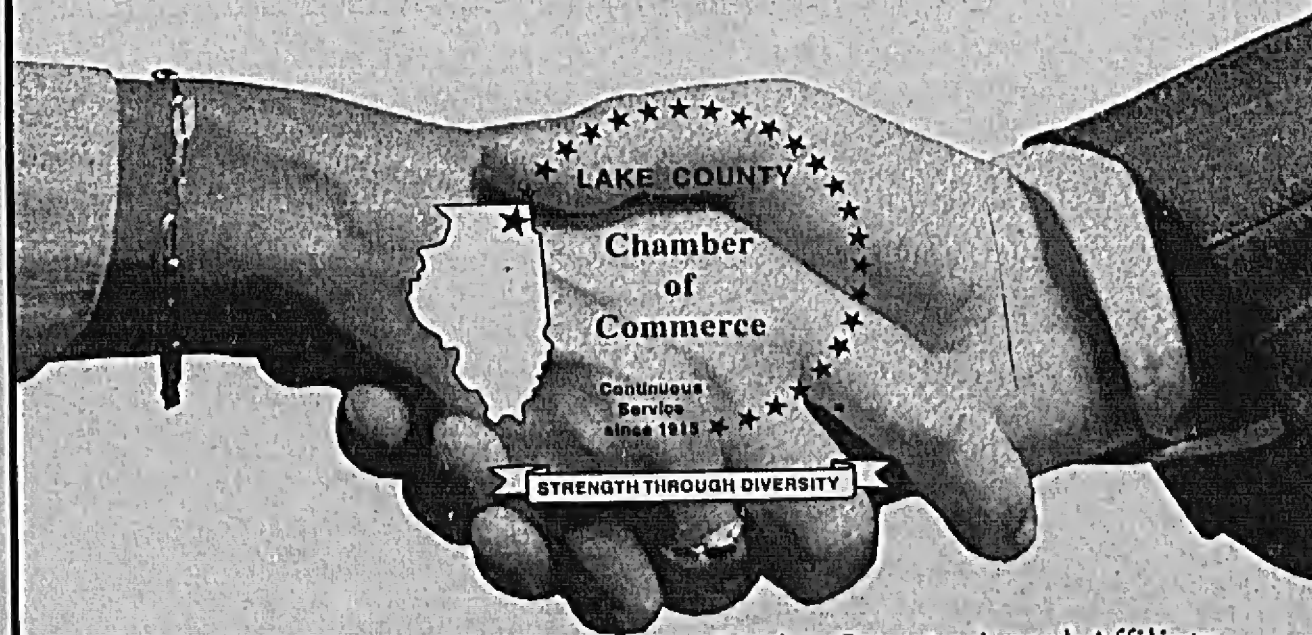
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OBITUARIES

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December 26, 2003

Miriam E. Smith (nee Payne)

Age 81, a former Fox Lake business woman and 50 year resident of Ingleside, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003 at the Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. She was born on Jan. 20, 1922 in Lakefield, Minn. to Walter and Mary Jane (nee Wadleigh) Payne and had co-owned and operated Gambles Store on Nippersink in Fox Lake, along with her late husband Arthur G. Smith from 1953-1985. She was a member of the Lakes Region American Legion Post 703 Ladies Auxiliary in Fox Lake and the Women of the Moose. She enjoyed sewing, gardening spending time with her family, and was an avid sports fan.

Survivors include, her son, Glenn (Mae) Smith of Grayslake; one granddaughter, Laura Smith of Grayslake; her sister, Rosemary (Charles) Buschick of Wauconda; two nephews, Charles (Ann) Buschick, and Bruce (Lynn) Buschick, both of Wauconda. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband on Oct. 2, 2001 and by her daughter, Shari L. Smith on May 26, 2000.

Private Memorial Services for the family only were conducted at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake) Interment was private. Memorials for the Alzheimers Disease and Related Diseases Chicago Area Chapter, 4709 Golf Rd., Suite 1015, Skokie, IL 60076.

Harold Hasek

Age 91, passed away quietly at Libertyville Manor on Monday, Dec. 15, 2003. He was born on Oct. 6, 1912 in Chicago to his late parents, John and Mildred (nee Stunf) Hasek.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Elsie (nee Tichy) of Libertyville, and a nephew, Leonard Kouba of Sycamore.

All services were private. Arrangements were handled by Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., of Grayslake.

Dan E. Brylinke Sr.

Age 55 of Antioch, passed away Monday, Dec. 15, 2003 at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke Hospital in Chicago. He was born in Chicago the son of the late Edward and Irene (Matyja) Brylinke. He was a musician for 40 years and a member of the Federation of Musicians in Waukegan. On July 15, 1972 he married Mary Zimmerman in Antioch.

Survivors include his wife Mary; two sons, Dan (Sondra) Brylinke Jr. of Winthrop Harbor, Joseph Brylinke at home; three daughters, Helen (David) Vepley of Trevor, Wis. and Brenda and Tracy Brylinke both at home; and his grandchildren. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by a grandson, Anthony Vepley.

Funeral Services were held at 10 a.m., Dec. 20 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Visitation at the funeral home was from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 19. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the family.

Stasys Mazulis

Age 73 of Round Lake, passed away at his home on Monday, Dec. 15, 2003. He was born the

son of the late Baltrus and Marcela Mazulis. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife, Lucia Aldona; his son, Algimantas (Barbara) of Lake Villa; stepson of Aleks Janusas of California; grandchildren and step grandson. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Dalia.

Funeral Service was held at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 19 at the Ringa Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m., Dec. 19 at the Prince of Peace Church. Interment was at 12:30 p.m. at St. Casimir Cemetery in Chicago. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 18.

Dominick R. Crifasi

Age 70 of Trevor, Wis., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003 at his home. He was born the son of the late Dominick and Mary (Morici) Crifasi. Dominick served in the U.S. Army and worked as a printer at the Great Lakes Naval Station before his retirement. On Nov. 28, 1959 he married Charlene Rudolph in Antioch.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Charlene; three daughters, Gina (Richard) Knox of Burlington, Wis., Rena (Robert) Epping of Salem, Wis. and Renee (Eric) Erlanson of Wadsworth; two sisters; one brother and 10 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by a brother and four sisters.

Private Memorial Services were held by the family with interment of his remains in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Liver Foundation, Wisconsin Chapter, 9205 W. Center St., Ste. 204, Milwaukee, Wis. 53222, in his memory. Arrangements were handled by the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Donald F. Kriz

Age 75 of Ingleside, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003. He was born the son of the late Frank E. and Marie Kriz. He was a veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict. He retired from the Chain-O-Lakes Ready Mix Corp. On May 27, 1950, he married his wife, LaVerne.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, LaVerne; his sons, Randall (Arleen) of Ingleside, Scott of Livermore, Calif. and Bruce of Ingleside; and his grandchildren.

Memorial Service was held at 4 p.m., Dec. 20 at the Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa. Private family interment was at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago. Visitation was from 3-4 p.m., Dec. 20.

Frank L. Velat

Age 92, of Libertyville, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003 at the Libertyville Manor. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII.

Surviving are his daughter-in-law, Barbara Velat of Aurora, Colo.; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Emma Velat; by his wife, Sophie in 2000 and by his children, Dr. Gary and Kathleen.

Funeral Service was held at 2 p.m., Dec. 20 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral

Home in Libertyville. Interment was on Dec. 22 in the Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago. Visitation was from noon until the time of services on Dec. 20.

Roman J. Raasch

Age 85 of Vernon Hills, passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003 at the Lake Forest Hospital. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during WWII and retired in 1981 after 35 years with the Frank G. Hough Co-International Harvester in Libertyville.

Surviving are his son, Glen (Diane) Raasch and daughters, Sandra, Marie and Charlotte; many grandchildren; his sister; a brother and dear friend and companion, Dorothy Schar of Vernon Hills. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Bertha Raasch; by two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral Service was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 22 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Fremont Center. Visitation was from 2-5 p.m. on Dec. 21 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Assn. in his memory.

Jean O. Fletcher

Age 70 of Antioch passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003 at Lake Forest Hospital. She was born the daughter of the late Warren and Elsie (Hanson) Foster. Jean was a retired Nurse's Aid and Respiratory Therapist and had worked at Condell Medical Center and Winchester House in Libertyville.

Survivors are three daughters, Kathie (Butch) Schneider of Antioch, Donna Liebrecht of Sandy, Utah, and Julie Charts of Gurnee; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her son Martin on Aug. 3, 1978.

Funeral Service was held at 4 p.m., Dec. 23 at Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with the Rev. Gary L. Curl of the United Methodist Church of Antioch officiating. Private interment of her remains will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Friends called at the funeral home from 2 p.m. Dec. 23 until the time of services. Those desiring may make contributions to the Antioch Rescue Squad or the American Cancer Society in her memory.

Thomas D. Beeman

Age 67 of Grayslake, passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003 at his home.

Surviving are his wife Joan (nee Manelli) Beeman; two daughters, Deanne (Scott) Beeman of Buffalo Grove and Cindy (Rene) Laureano of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three grandchildren; his brother; his sister and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Jean Beeman.

Prayers began at 10:15 a.m., Dec. 18 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and services continued to St. Mary of the Annunciation Church for a Funeral mass at 11 a.m. Interment was in the church cemetery. Visitation was from 3-8 p.m. on Dec. 17 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society in his memory.

Joan Smith Laurie

Age 80, passed away Nov. 18, 2003 in Las Vegas, Nev. Born in Grayslake on Feb. 2, 1923.

She is survived by two sons, Frank and James; one daughter, Marcia; her grandson, Joshua; and one granddaughter. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank. A Memorial Service was held in Henderson, Nev.

Irene Pawlak

Age 86, a longtime resident of Ingleside, died on Friday, Dec. 19, 2003 at her home. She was born in Chicago to Michael and Rose Wiater (nee Pokuta). She was a longtime member of St. Bede Catholic Church in Ingleside.

Survivors include her son, Daniel C. (Margaret) "Peg" Pawlak Jr. of Lake Villa; her grandson; granddaughter; her great grandson, and many other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, Daniel C. Pawlak Sr. in 1967; four sisters and two brothers.

Visitation was held Dec. 21 at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake). Funeral Mass was celebrated on Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. at St. Bede Catholic Church in Ingleside. In lieu of flowers, masses will be appreciated for Irene.

Bruno J. Rudnick

Age 79 of Lake Villa, passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003 on arrival of Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born in Chicago the son of Max and Julia Rudnick moving to Lake Villa in 1970. Bruno served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He operated a service station for several years and was a former barber. On Sept. 1, 1951, he married Irene Antonelli in Chicago.

Survivors include his wife Irene, one son, Daniel and his wife, Diana of Lake Villa; two grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral Services were held at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 22 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Memorial Park in Zion. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. Dec. 21.

Josephine M. Quinlan (nee Morello)

Age 80, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003 at Winchester House in Libertyville. She was born the daughter of the late Charles and Augustina Morello.

She was the beloved wife of the late John D. Quinlan; cherished mother of Darrell, Duke (Mea) and late Christine; loving grandmother; great grandmother and sister.

Funeral Service was held at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 22 from Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa to Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was Dec. 22 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Narm Ferrell

Age 78 of Ingleside, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003 at Holy Family Medical Center in Des Plaines. She was born to Tom and Ella (Hilton) Crawford.

Survivors include three children, Connie (Billy) Coleman of Wheeling, Sabrina (John) Corcoran of San Francisco, Calif., and Floyd Ferrell of Fox

Lake; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two sisters; and two brothers. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ollie in 1971; two sons, James Ferrell in 1996 and David Ferrell in 1985; and six brothers and sisters.

Visitation was held Dec. 22 from 5-9 p.m. at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home. Funeral Service was held Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Beck officiating. Interment was in Grant Cemetery in Ingleside.

Dolores Nordstrom

Age 82 of Lake Villa, passed away Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003 at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center in Lindenhurst. She was born the daughter of the late Otto and Anna (Donges) Voss. On May 23, 1942, she married Carl Nordstrom in Chicago and he preceded her in death on May 4, 2001. Dolores contracted Polio prior to the birth of her daughter, Pamela. She carried on her life while paralyzed and in a wheel chair, raising her two daughters and grandson, Steven.

Survivors include her daughters, Carole (Allan) Stowe of Antioch and Pamela (the late James) Jensen of Lake Geneva, Wis.; her grandchildren; great grandchildren and her step grandchildren. She is preceded in death by two sisters.

Funeral Services will be held at noon, Friday, Dec. 26, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with Pastor Roger Black of St. Stephen Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 26 until the time of services. Friends desiring may make contributions to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 1155 Hillside Ave., Antioch, IL 60002 in her memory.

John LaMont

Age 85 of Kenosha, Wis., formerly of Lake Villa passed away on Friday, Dec. 19, 2003 at the Aurora Medical Center in Kenosha, Wis. He was born the son of the late Charles and Helen LaMont. He was a veteran of WWII and served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his cherished companion, Alfreida Schuler; his children, Jack of Wisconsin, Carol (Don) Decker of Wisconsin, Pat (Carolyn) of Lake Villa, Mike (Terri) of Gurnee, Judy (Ken) Szyzewicz of Lindenhurst and Tim of Wisconsin; his grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Irene; his grandson, Keven and his sisters.

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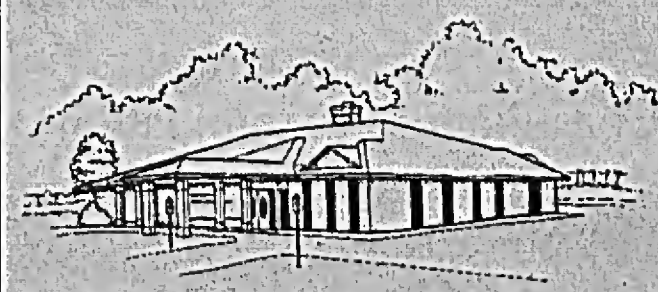
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Miriam E. Smith (nee Payne)

Age 81, a former Fox Lake business woman and 50 year resident of Ingleside, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003 at the Northern Illinois Medical Center in McHenry. She was born on Jan. 20, 1922 in Lakefield, Minn. to Walter and Mary Jane (nee Wadleigh) Payne and had co-owned and operated Gambles Store on Nippersink in Fox Lake, along with her late husband Arthur G. Smith from 1953-1985. She was a member of the Lakes Region American Legion Post 703 Ladies Auxiliary in Fox Lake and the Women of the Moose. She enjoyed sewing, gardening spending time with her family, and was an avid sports fan.

Survivors include, her son, Glenn (Mae) Smith of Grayslake; one granddaughter, Laura Smith of Grayslake; her sister, Rosemary (Charles) Buschick of Wauconda; two nephews, Charles (Ann) Buschick, and Bruce (Lynn) Buschick, both of Wauconda. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband on Oct. 2, 2001 and by her daughter, Shari L. Smith on May 26, 2000.

Private Memorial Services for the family only were conducted at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake) Interment was private. Memorials for the Alzheimers Disease and Related Diseases Chicago Area Chapter, 4709 Golf Rd., Suite 1015, Skokie, IL 60076.

Harold Hasek

Age 91, passed away quietly at Libertyville Manor on Monday Dec. 15, 2003. He was born on Oct. 6, 1912 in Chicago to his late parents, John and Mildred (nee Stunf) Hasek.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Elsie (nee Tichy) of Libertyville, and a nephew, Leonard Kouba of Sycamore.

All services were private. Arrangements were handled by Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., of Grayslake.

Dan E. Brylinke Sr.

Age 55 of Antioch, passed away Monday, Dec. 15, 2003 at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke Hospital in Chicago. He was born in Chicago the son of the late Edward and Irene (Matyja) Brylinke. He was a musician for 40 years and a member of the Federation of Musicians in Waukegan. On July 15, 1972 he married Mary Zimmerman in Antioch.

Survivors include his wife Mary; two sons, Dan (Sondra) Brylinke Jr. of Winthrop Harbor, Joseph Brylinke at home; three daughters, Helen (David) Vepley of Trevor, Wis. and Brenda and Tracy Brylinke both at home; and his grandchildren. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by a grandson, Anthony Vepley.

Funeral Services were held at 10 a.m., Dec. 20 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Visitation at the funeral home was from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 19. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the family.

Stasys Mazulis

Age 73 of Round Lake, passed away at his home on Monday, Dec. 15, 2003. He was born the

son of the late Baltrus and Marcela Mazulis. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife, Lucia Aldona; his son, Algimantas (Barbara) of Lake Villa; stepson of Aleks Janusas of California; grandchildren and step grandson. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Dalia.

Funeral Service was held at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 19 at the Ringa Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m., Dec. 19 at the Prince of Peace Church. Interment was at 12:30 p.m. at St. Casimir Cemetery in Chicago. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 18.

Dominick R. Crifasi

Age 70 of Trevor, Wis., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003 at his home. He was born the son of the late Dominick and Mary (Morici) Crifasi. Dominick served in the U.S. Army and worked as a printer at the Great Lakes Naval Station before his retirement. On Nov. 28, 1959 he married Charlene Rudolph in Antioch.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Charlene; three daughters, Gina (Richard) Knox of Burlington, Wis., Rena (Robert) Epping of Salem, Wis. and Renee (Bric) Erlanson of Wadsworth; two sisters; one brother and 10 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by a brother and four sisters.

Private Memorial Services were held by the family with interment of his remains in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Liver Foundation, Wisconsin Chapter, 9205 W. Center St., Ste. 204, Milwaukee, Wis. 53222, in his memory. Arrangements were handled by the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Donald F. Kriz

Age 75 of Ingleside, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003. He was born the son of the late Frank E. and Marie Kriz. He was a veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict. He retired from the Chain-O-Lakes Ready Mix Corp. On May 27, 1950, he married his wife, LaVerne.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, LaVerne; his sons, Randall (Arleen) of Ingleside, Scott of Livermore, Calif. and Bruce of Ingleside; and his grandchildren.

Memorial Service was held at 4 p.m., Dec. 20 at the Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa. Private family interment was at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago. Visitation was from 3-4 p.m., Dec. 20.

Frank L. Velat

Age 92, of Libertyville, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003 at the Libertyville Manor. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII.

Surviving are his daughter-in-law, Barbara Velat of Aurora, Colo.; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Emma Velat; by his wife, Sophie in 2000 and by his children, Dr. Gary and Kathleen.

Funeral Service was held at 2 p.m., Dec. 20 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral

Home in Libertyville. Interment was on Dec. 22 in the Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago. Visitation was from noon until the time of services on Dec. 20.

Roman J. Raasch

Age 85 of Vernon Hills, passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003 at the Lake Forest Hospital. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during WWII and retired in 1981 after 35 years with the Frank G. Hough Co-International Harvester in Libertyville.

Surviving are his son, Glen (Diane) Raasch and daughters, Sandra, Marie and Charlotte; many grandchildren; his sister; a brother and dear friend and companion, Dorothy Schar of Vernon Hills. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Bertha Raasch; by two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral Service was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 22 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Fremont Center. Visitation was from 2-5 p.m. on Dec. 21 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Assn. in his memory.

Jean O. Fletcher

Age 70 of Antioch passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003 at Lake Forest Hospital. She was born the daughter of the late Warren and Elsie (Hanson) Foster. Jean was a retired Nurse's Aid and Respiratory Therapist and had worked at Condell Medical Center and Winchester House in Libertyville.

Survivors are three daughters, Kathie (Butch) Schneider of Antioch, Donna Liebrecht of Sandy, Utah, and Julie Charts of Gurnee; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her son Martin on Aug. 3, 1978.

Funeral Service was held at 4 p.m., Dec. 23 at Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with the Rev. Gary L. Curl of the United Methodist Church of Antioch officiating. Private interment of her remains will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Friends called at the funeral home from 2 p.m. Dec. 23 until the time of services. Those desiring may make contributions to the Antioch Rescue Squad or the American Cancer Society in her memory.

Thomas D. Beeman

Age 67 of Grayslake, passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003 at his home.

Surviving are his wife Joan (nee Manelli) Beeman; two daughters, Deanne (Scott) Beeman of Buffalo Grove and Cindy (Rene) Laureano of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three grandchildren; his brother; his sister and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Jean Beeman.

Prayers began at 10:15 a.m., Dec. 18 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and services continued to St. Mary of the Annunciation Church for a Funeral mass at 11 a.m. Interment was in the church cemetery. Visitation was from 3-8 p.m. on Dec. 17 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society in his memory.

Joan Smith Laurie

Age 80, passed away Nov. 18, 2003 in Las Vegas, Nev. Born in Grayslake on Feb. 2, 1923

She is survived by two sons, Frank and James; one daughter, Marcia; her grandson, Joshua; and one granddaughter. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank. A Memorial Service was held in Henderson, Nev.

Irene Pawlak

Age 86, a longtime resident of Ingleside, died on Friday, Dec. 19, 2003 at her home. She was born in Chicago to Michael and Rose Wiater (nee Pokuta). She was a longtime member of St. Bede Catholic Church in Ingleside.

Survivors include her son, Daniel C. (Margaret) "Peg" Pawlak Jr. of Lake Villa; her grandson; granddaughter; her great grandson, and many other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband, Daniel C. Pawlak Sr. in 1967; four sisters and two brothers.

Visitation was held Dec. 21 at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake). Funeral Mass was celebrated on Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. at St. Bede Catholic Church in Ingleside. In lieu of flowers, masses will be appreciated for Irene.

Bruno J. Rudnick

Age 79 of Lake Villa, passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003 on arrival of Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born in Chicago the son of Max and Julia Rudnick moving to Lake Villa in 1970. Bruno served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He operated a service station for several years and was a former barber. On Sept. 1, 1951, he married Irene Antonelli in Chicago.

Survivors include his wife Irene, one son, Daniel and his wife, Diana of Lake Villa; two grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral Services were held at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 22 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Memorial Park in Zion. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. Dec. 21.

Josephine M. Quinlan (nee Morello)

Age 80, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003 at Winchester House in Libertyville. She was born the daughter of the late Charles and Augustina Morello.

She was the beloved wife of the late John D. Quinlan; cherished mother of Darrell, Duke (Mea) and late Christine; loving grandmother; great grandmother and sister.

Funeral Service was held at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 22 from Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa to Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was Dec. 22 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Narm Ferrell

Age 78 of Ingleside, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003 at Holy Family Medical Center in Des Plaines. She was born to Tom and Ella (Hilton) Crawford.

Survivors include three children, Connie (Billy) Coleman of Wheeling, Sabrina (John) Corcoran of San Francisco, Calif., and Floyd Ferrell of Fox

Lake; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two sisters; and two brothers. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ollie in 1971; two sons, James Ferrell in 1996 and David Ferrell in 1985; and six brothers and sisters.

Visitation was held Dec. 22 from 5-9 p.m. at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home. Funeral Service was held Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Beck officiating. Interment was in Grant Cemetery in Ingleside.

Dolores Nordstrom

Age 82 of Lake Villa, passed away Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003 at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center in Lindenhurst. She was born the daughter of the late Otto and Anna (Donges) Voss. On May 23, 1942, she married Carl Nordstrom in Chicago and he preceded her in death on May 4, 2001. Dolores contracted Polio prior to the birth of her daughter, Pamela. She carried on her life while paralyzed and in a wheel chair, raising her two daughters and grandson, Steven.

Survivors include her daughters, Carole (Allan) Stowe of Antioch and Pamela (the late James) Jensen of Lake Geneva, Wis.; her grandchildren; great grandchildren and her step grandchildren. She is preceded in death by two sisters.

Funeral Services will be held at noon, Friday, Dec. 26, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with Pastor Roger Black of St. Stephen Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 26 until the time of services. Friends desiring may make contributions to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 1155 Hillside Ave., Antioch, IL 60002 in her memory.

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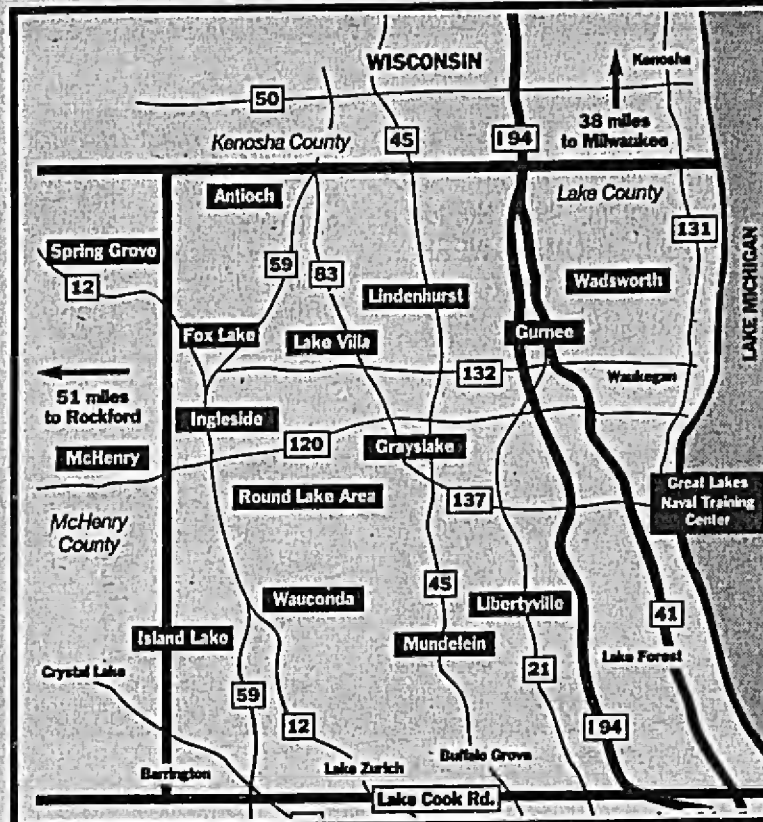


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Recognize Bias In The Job Search Process

By Scott T. Fleischmann

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The process of looking for a job is, after all a sales process. The candidate is the sales person. He or she is also the product that is being sold, an awkward situation indeed. Most sales people have the advantage of selling a product or service to which they are only slightly attached. In fact, the only attachment many have is that they receive money when the item is sold.

Yet, every good salesperson must deal with the rejection that is felt when a potential customer buys from someone else. Applicants are selling their complete identity to an employer. Subsequently, when someone else is hired, those who were not hired are in pain because the rejection is personal.

When a candidate suspects that bias is the reason for the rejection, he or she may also feel anger. Although the anger is painful, it can also be productive if it is directed to solving the problem of that bias. The reasons for bias vary. Some biases are based on general truths. For example, few would argue that those who are 20 years old have more energy than those who are 55. However, I am 55 years old. When I discuss my schedule of managing a consulting company, the consulting assignments that I perform, writing four weekly columns, writing for magazines, teaching and public speaking few see the difference between my energy level and that of people that are much younger. Incidentally, I still have time for family activities, church ministry and recreation.

If I were applying for a job, those who determined my age from my resume could conclude that I would not have the stamina required for a high-energy job, until they have that discussion. As we get older, most of us lose some of the energy of our youth. Although I have more vitality now than most people do, I had more energy when I was younger. Age bias is real and needs to be addressed in the job search process.

However, many biases are based on complete untruths, misunderstandings, lack of knowledge, or fear. For example, I once met a recruiter who was recruiting for low paying jobs in a fast food restaurant. He told me that he avoided hiring those of a specific ethnic background. When I asked the reason, he said that he had a problem with someone from that nationality when he was in college. The problem was not consistent with the nationality. But his perception was more real than his logic.

In this day when companies receive hundreds of resumes for every position, employers look for ways to narrow the search. Bias sometimes enters the process. But applicants can reduce the chances of that injustice. We will explore that in the next column.

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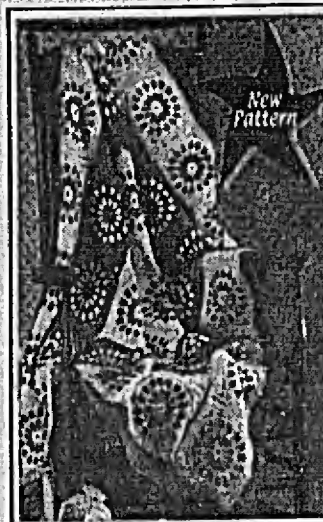
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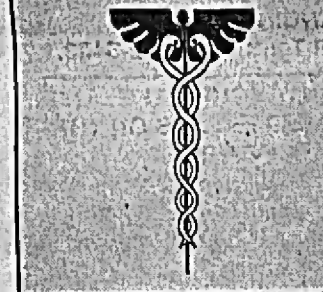
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834 Trucks/Trailers

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PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS STORAGE

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Units No. 21 and 44 belonging to Carol Knight consisting of miscellaneous boxes.
Unit No. 95 belonging to Frank Flanali consisting of miscellaneous furniture.
Unit No. 112 belonging to Michael Freeh consisting of misc. boxes and train set.
Disposal of the items will take place at Affordable Self Storage, 133 So. Route 12, Fox Lake, IL on January 3, 2004 at 10:00 am.
1219C-6289-FL
December 19, 26, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: MTM Electric
NATURE/PURPOSE: Electrical Wiring
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 1813 Brentwood, Round Lake Heights, ILL. 60073, (847) 546-8388.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Michael T. McGuire, 1813 Brentwood, Round Lake Heights, ILL. 60073, (847) 546-8388.
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Michael T. McGuire
November 24, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 24th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Laura McGuire
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 26, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1212B-6283-RL
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

ROUND LAKE AREA PARK DIST. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: The Computer Coach
NATURE/PURPOSE: Computer Consulting
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 503 Linden Ln., Libertyville, ILL. 60048, (847) 918-9262.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Neil Redshaw, Tara Redshaw, 503 Linden Lane, Libertyville, ILL. 60048. (847) 918-9352.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE)
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/s/ Neil Redshaw
/s/ Tara Redshaw
December 6, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 6th day of December 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Ursula Shubel
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 8, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1212B-6285-LB
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: FREE COMP.
NATURE/PURPOSE: Wholesale of computers and parts
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 1105 Lockwood Dr., Buffalo Grove, ILL. 60089, (847) 913-0419.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Senlin Jin, Tang Niu, 1105 Lockwood Dr., Buffalo Grove, ILL. 60089, (847) 913-0419.
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Senlin Jin
/s/ Tang Niu
November 23, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 24th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Suja Sasi
Notary Public
Received: December 1, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1212B-6287-GL
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

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PUBLIC NOTICE ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application

NAME OF BUSINESS: Silver Etc.
NATURE/PURPOSE: Jewelry Sales
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 331 Fairfax Lane, Grayslake, ILL. 60030, (847) 414-8324.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Shannon Kramer, 331 Fairfax Lane, Grayslake, ILL. 60030, (847) 414-8324.
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Shannon Kramer
November 28, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 28th day of November 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Sara E. Latham
Notary Public
Received: December 2, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1212B-6288-GL
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

Allstate
1-800-Allstate

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Pam Navarre & Associates
NATURE/PURPOSE:
To provide Marketing Design & Project Management Services
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
239 Parker Dr., Grayslake, IL 60030, (847)548-9159.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS:
Pamella F. Navarre, 239 Parker Dr., Grayslake, IL 60030, (847)548-9159.
STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

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OFFICIAL SEAL
s/ Marie Louise Izzo
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 11, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1219C-6293-GL
December 19, 26, 2003
January 2, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
MB Enterprises
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Internet Marketing and Sales
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1610 Woodbine Dr., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073, (847)546-2238.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS:

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

Public notice is hereby given that I, Robert Skidmore, County Treasurer and Ex-Officio County Collector of Lake County in the State of Illinois, that beginning January, 2003 new provisions have been put into place affecting the collection of Mobile Home taxes in Public Act. 92-807 (Mobile Home Local Service Enforcement Act). The following described list of delinquent Mobile Home taxes for the year 2003 do include principle and interest owed. A lien will be filed against those taxes not paid by January 28th, 2004. In future year's delinquent taxes could be sold, resulting in loss of title to the Mobile Home.

AVON MOBILE HOME PARK	360 N IVANHOE C LOT NO 8	GRAYSLAKE, IL 60030	154.00
07-01-0003 FRANKLIN W MATLOCK	360 N IVANHOE LOT 6 LOT NO 3	GRAYSLAKE, IL 60030	121.60
07-01-0007 CHRIS STARKLEY	360 N IVANHOE LOT 6 LOT NO 3	GRAYSLAKE, IL 60030	151.00
07-01-0009 ROBERT SHAZ	360 N IVANHOE RD 1 LOT NO 2	GRAYSLAKE, IL 60030	121.60
07-01-0010 RUSSO & BECKMAN	360 N IVANHOE ROAD 3 LOT NO 3	GRAYSLAKE, IL 60030	173.50
CAMBRIDGE COURT			
07-02-0005 DENISE STARK	824 NE ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0008 MICHEL JAGROB	1011 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0018 HERNANDEZ & RUBLES	1022 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0019 WILFRIED RAMOS	1023 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0021 JANE RAMEY	1010 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0022 FRANK & FRANCIS FOLEY	1033 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	228.52
07-02-0030 TRACY L HART	1016 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	142.30
07-02-0032 JACKSON & SWINK	1013 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	155.80
07-02-0037 AUSTIN TAYLOR	1103 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	155.80
07-02-0050 JERRY RAY	925 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0052 KENNETH COX	1001 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0053 STEVEN JOHNSON	1003 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0054 TERRY & BERRY	1005 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0055 LEROY & CALDWELL	1006 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	224.74
07-02-0057 CHARLES RUSSO	1008 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0059 JAMES H BITE, III	1009 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0062 DOUGLAS MC CAULEY	1014 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0074 CHARLES FAYNE	1024 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0081 LINDA CARPENTIER	912 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0083 CARSON & HOGAN	914 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0094 JAMES MCNEELY JR	1004 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0095 JEAN FLETCHER	1006 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0105 WILLIAM DOMAR	1023 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	142.30
07-02-0107 LESTER ROYAC	1025 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	146.80
07-02-0110 RANGER & GRISWOLD	1033 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	220.96
07-02-0112 FORREST MARTIN	1036 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	152.20
07-02-0113 STEPHEN LEESS	1037 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	152.20
07-02-0115 KENNETH THOMAS	1040 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	152.20
07-02-0118 BLAIR RANDOLPH	1102 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0119 INA T MC DONALD	1103 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	161.20
07-02-0122 RAYMOND JAGRA	1108 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	161.20
07-02-0126 PAUL ADZMAN	124 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	193.60
07-02-0131 RAYMOND BROWN	152 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0136 ANGELA SUTTON	200 GRUBTER	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0140 ARTHUR LARA	103 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0147 CHRIS KOSKOWICZ	163 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0158 ADAM LINDGREN	312 ARLOLLO	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0161 MICHEL HERNANDEZ	217 RITTY PARK	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0163 JOSEPH SCHWARTZ	817 LONG LAKE	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0167 VICTORIANO O GONZALEZ	200 MOON ROVER	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	164.05
07-02-0170 DAVID HOWELL	115 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0175 JOHN R HALL	137 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0183 ABEL PINOY	200 GRUBTER	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0185 ANDREW WALKER	200 GRUBTER	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0187 CONNIE SCHULTZ	214 GRUBTER	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0189 GREGORIO SERRANO	202 MOON ROVER	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0199 FLORENCE & ROBERTSON	214 MOON ROVER	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0219 ANN GASTA	151 ANTADES	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0222 ANABELL L TURNER	157 ANTADES	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	200.80
07-02-0224 IGNACIO CALDERON	316 WESTON	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0232 ALBERTO TAPIA	124 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0238 MARCUS KIEFER	108 ANTADES	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	173.50
07-02-0241 ELLEN LACARAS	127 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	202.60
07-02-0242 KATHY LEESS	145 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	143.20
07-02-0244 DAVID A HONKLE	113 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0247 JANE & ROSA GUZMAN	146 ANTADES	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	173.50
07-02-0250 KATHLEEN CUNNINGHAM	101 ANTADES	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0257 NORMAN C LARER	1019 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0266 JAMES KOSKO	208 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	154.90
07-02-0283 ERICK RAMIREZ	825 LONG LAKE	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0288 LORETTA SHALE	113 ANTADES	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0296 JON & VIRGINIA GASSER	306 HOUSTON	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0299 STEVEN DENNIS	100 HOUSTON	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0302 BENNY LUKENS	228 LEN	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0308 ARMANDO MARSALE	137 LEN	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0310 ALFREDO TORO	137 LEN	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0312 PATRICIA DINCHIL	118 ANTADES	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30
07-02-0317 MARIE BARRIZIOTTIS	119 ALMA	ROUND LAKE, IL 60073	169.30

900 Legals

December 12, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th day of December 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
s/ Charlene Martinez
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 12, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1219C-6295-MN
December 19, 26, 2003
January 2, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Quality Cleaning Co.
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Commercial/Residential Cleaning
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
40271 North West Shore Dr., Antioch, ILL. 60002, (847)331-3920.

NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS:
Robert J. O'Grady, 40271 North West Shore Dr., Antioch, ILL. 60002, (847)331-3920.
STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

OFFICIAL SEAL
s/ Robert J. O'Grady
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 15, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1219C-6298-AN
December 19, 26, 2003
January 2, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Frazin Distributions
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Delivery Service
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1955 Sheridan Road, Buffalo Grove, ILL. 60089, (847)883-8785.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR

900 Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Medical Billing and Consulting Services
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Medical claims filing and computer consultation
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
28905 Sawmill Ln., Lake-moor, ILL. 60051, (815)578-4269.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS:
David P. Auld, 28905 Sawmill Lane, Lakemoor, ILL. 60051, (815)578-4269.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

OFFICIAL SEAL
s/ Eleanor A. Petruska
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 15, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1219C-6299-FL
December 19, 26, 2003
January 2, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Frazin Distributions
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Delivery Service
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1955 Sheridan Road, Buffalo Grove, ILL. 60089, (847)883-8785.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR

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TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Barry S. Frazin, Beth A. Frazin, 1955 Sheridan Road, Buffalo Grove, ILL. 60089, (847)883-8785.
STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

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OFFICIAL SEAL
s/ Barry S. Frazin
s/ Beth A. Frazin
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 12, 2003

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th day of December 2003.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF OWNER'S LEGAL NAME OR ADDRESS OR BUSINESS ADDRESS CHANGE OR ADDITION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Northern Home Maintenance
ORIGINAL DATE FILED:
12-7-01
OWNER'S LEGAL NAME CHANGED OR ADDRESS CHANGED FROM:
Dean M. Reinhardt, 2324 Honore Ave., North Chicago, IL 60064 847-785-1725.

TO:
Dean M. Reinhardt, 2160 N. Orchard Ln., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073, 847-366-5111.
BUSINESS ADDRESS(ES) CHANGED FROM:
2324 Honore Ave., North Chicago, IL 60064, 847-785-1725.

STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the above change(s) to the named business have been made effective.

OFFICIAL SEAL
s/ Dean M. Reinhardt

900 Legals

2160 N. Orchard Ln., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073, 847-366-5111.
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) conducting the business this 8th day of December 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
s/ Eleanor A. Petruska
Notary Public
Received: December 8, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1219B-6286-RL
December 12, 19, 26, 2003

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th day of December 2003.

OFFICIAL SEAL
s/ George Blney
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 16, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1226D-6303-LB
December 26, 2003
January 2, 9, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF OWNER'S LEGAL NAME OR ADDRESS OR BUSINESS ADDRESS CHANGE OR ADDITION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Northern Home Maintenance
ORIGINAL DATE FILED:
12-7-01
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STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF LAKE)

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OFFICIAL SEAL
s/ Dean M. Reinhardt

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15-01-0004 ROBERT W OLSEN	240 WHITNEY LOT NO 4	LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047	159.40
15-01-0005 JANE SMITH	240 WHITNEY LOT NO 5	LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047	215.20
15-01-0023 HARMONY PRICE	240 WHITNEY LOT NO 23	LAKE ZURICH, IL 60047	133.00

VILLAS OF TIMBER CREEK			
07-04-0001	IONA SANI	500 BENSON	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 163.00
07-04-0004	DEBRA CAMPBELL	516 BENSON	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 166.53
07-04-0005	EVARISTO VAZQUEZ	903 BARBARA	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 163.00
07-04-0007	JUAN M & DORA GARZA	911 BARBARA	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 197.02
07-04-0011	JESSICA COMBINE	156 BENSON	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 154.00
07-04-0013	JAMES A SCHLEIERHAUF	417 CENTER	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 183.16
07-04-0026	DEBORAH L SANCZ	228 NEMOUSE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 154.00
07-04-0029	DEBBIE WILE	237 NEMOUSE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 154.00
07-04-0033	DARLENE RITTINGER	254 NEMOUSE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 163.00
07-04-0035	JESSIE & CATHRYN SOTO	410 CENTER	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 224.74
07-04-0040	JESSIE & CATHRYN SOTO	222 NEMOUSE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 164.80
07-04-0041	ROSANNE LARSON	220 NEMOUSE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 175.60
07-04-0061	PAUL TERRELL	239 NEMOUSE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 208.00
07-04-0074	CAROL SIBLEY	322 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0077	FRANCIS R JOHNSON	316 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 155.44
07-04-0078	DEBAY & KATHY WILLIAMS	343 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0079	FILLIX & LEROY ORTIZ	703 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 158.50
07-04-0083	DIANE L SMITH	747 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 169.30
07-04-0084	LINDA HOOVER	803 JOHNSON	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 184.40
07-04-0089	LINDA ELLINGER	906 BARBARA	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0094	PAUL ROBER	508 BENSON	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 169.30
07-04-0104	DOUGLASS PFAFF	532 BENSON	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 169.30
07-04-0112	DANIEL J SCHRAUS	406 CENTER	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 197.02
07-04-0117	LINDA CUNNINGHAM	601 CREEKSIDE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0120	RUIZ & MAYRA	420 CENTER	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 224.74
07-04-0122	MARY STOUT	423 CENTER	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 193.60
07-04-0126	ANITA L REPPLE	433 CENTER	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 208.00
07-04-0128	CONNIE BRION	601 CREEKSIDE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0129	JOAN BISHOP	602 CREEKSIDE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 169.30
07-04-0130	LISA STEELE	603 CREEKSIDE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 224.74
07-04-0131	RICH & CAROL MC KINNON	604 CREEKSIDE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0134	SHIRLEY SARK	607 CREEKSIDE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 191.60
07-04-0140	SHARON L MOORE	614 CREEKSIDE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 183.16
07-04-0142	CAROL & JOHN STOESELEIN	618 CREEKSIDE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 189.70
07-04-0162	CAROL & STAFFORD	119 MOUL	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 193.60
07-04-0163	WILLIAM L KIRBY	206 NEMOUSE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 191.60
07-04-0173	VICTORIA M WHITE	219 NEMOUSE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 169.30
07-04-0179	BELEN COOK	226 NEMOUSE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 169.30
07-04-0190	ANDREAS & ROBERTS	146 NEMOUSE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 289.00
07-04-0202	WILLIAM L KIRBY	206 NEMOUSE	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 191.60
07-04-0212	PAMLA B PALMER	306 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 186.20
07-04-0218	THOMAS E JOYCE	316 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0219	KATHRYN STAFF	317 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 154.00
07-04-0220	JOAN ELLINGER	324 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0232	ANITA WILLENBAUGH	311 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 236.60
07-04-0234	JOSEPH & CAMPA	316 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0235	GRIGORESKY & CORSEY	347 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0236	ESTHER & LESLIE JONES	349 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0238	BRUCE & DENISE STRIMLING	350 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 169.30
07-04-0242	DEBRA KIVI	357 TIMBER CREEK	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 169.30
07-04-0244	WILLIAM L		
07-04-0251	KATHLEEN GIBBONS	701 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 210.80
07-04-0253	MONICA D JAUNE	717 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 138.63
07-04-0254	MARY BETH MARSH	719 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 158.50
07-04-0261	SALVATORE & J		
07-04-0263	CANDACE & MILVATTI	723 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 169.30
07-04-0266	PATRICIA A NOUSBAUM-BERG	732 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 173.50
07-04-0272	ALLAN MILLER	741 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 165.70
07-04-0273	LINDA & SAMANTHA GIZEL	743 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 166.25
07-04-0274	ESTHER & LESLIE JONES	745 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 169.30
07-04-0276	LINDA FILGUSTAT	750 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 166.25
07-04-0281	SANDRA DAVIS	757 TREVIEW	ROUND LAKE PARK, IL 60073 224.74

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ROUND LAKE AREA PARK DISTRICT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

RECEIPTS SUMMARY:

PROPERTY TAX 2,598,610; PERSONAL PROPERTY REPLACEMENT TAX 17,941; GRANTS 986,058; CHARGES FOR SERVICES 3,248,711; INTEREST 30,768; MISCELLANEOUS 740,807; TOTAL 7,622,895.

DISBURSEMENTS SUMMARY

"R" HOME CARE SERVICES 4,832; 3D DESIGN STUDIO 21,584; A SPECTRUM DECORATING INC. 3,200; A TIRE 7,049; ACE HARDWARE HOME CENTER 14,136; ADOLPH KIEFER & ASSOCIATES 12,003; ADT SECURITY SERVICES 1,762; ADVANCED BUSINESS TECH 4,493; ADVERTISER 3,955; ALL AMERICAN FUND RAISING 1,200; ALL AMERICAN PICNICS INC. 7,333; ALTMAN'S FLOWER SHOP 1,395; AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION 1,503; AMERICAN EAGLE GYMNASIUMS 19,597; AMERICAN MOTORIST INSURANCE CO 62,721; AMERITECH 18,996; ANCEL, GLINK, DIAMOND, BUSH 29,629; ANDERSON PEST CONTROL 1,592; ANTIGUA GROUP INC. 1,434; APPLE AUTOMOTIVE 5,911; ARIZONA MANUFACTURING & 3,381; ARLINGTON POWER EQUIPMENT INC. 1,831; ART'S AUTO BODY, INC. 1,118; ATLC Inc 56,569; AT & T WIRELESS SERVICES-CHGO 7,987; AT&T 3,802; ATLAS BOBCAT INC 6,972; BARCO PRODUCTS CO 1,243; BIG HOLLOW-SCHOOL 1,500; BUCOM INC 1,663; BUILDERS PLUMBING SUPPLY 1,292; CARY DAIRY 8,161; CASTLE GARDENS 1,040; CASTLEROCK SANITATION 1,193; CDW COMPUTER CNTRS 18,340; CENCOM 23,857; CHAIN O'LAKES STATE PARK 1,010; CHALLENGER SPORTS 1,765; CHAPMAN & CUTLER 2,900; CHEM RITE PRODUCTS 4,175; CHICAGO BULLS/WHITE SOX 1,063; CHICAGO DISTRICT 5,180; CHICAGO METRO AECY 2,045; CHUCK'S 24 HOUR TOWING 1,625; CLARK ENVIRONMENTAL MOSQUITO 5,031; CLASSIC PRINTER 15,658; CLASSIC WOODWORK, INC. 2,600; CLOWNING AROUND 2,763; COLE TAYLOR BANK 422,985; COM ED 118,511; COMPUTER POWER SYSTEMS 1,115; COMTECH SECURITY & LOSS 3,821; CONDELL IMMEDIATE CARE 2,259; CONSERV FS 46,810; COQUI 1,597; CORPORATE EXPRESS 19,802; COUNTER FITTERS 1,340; CROWN TROPHY OF BUFFALO GROVE 2,110; CURTAIN CALL COSTUME 2,401; CUSTOM VEHICLE SYSTEMS 2,383; D & B UNIFORMS 7,793; DAVE RUDOLF 1,100; DEL'S ELECTRIC SERVICE 3,904; DELAWARE COATINGS 1,302; DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND 17,527; DIRECT FITNESS SOLUTIONS, LLC. 1,938; DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY 2,136; DOMINICKS 3,186; DONALD J BENNETT & JAMES T 8,500; DOOR SYSTEMS INC. 2,695; DOYLE DIST. CO. 19,975; DOYLE ELECTRIC 4,165; DRURY LANE 1,170; DYMOND GLASS 8,350; ED HOYS INTERNATIONAL 1,940; EDELWEISS INC 1,212; ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT 1,515; EMP AMERICA INC 1,351; EXCEPTIONAL PLUMBING SERVICES 7,305; F&R SUPPLY, INC. 5,708; FAIRFIELD MAT'L & SUPPLY 1,838; FAULKS BROS CONSTRUCTION 1,732; FIRESIDE DINNER THEATRE 1,280; FIRST STATE BANK OF ROUND LAKE 155,987; FLOORING SENSE INC 5,217; FOOTJOY INC 7,181; FORE RESERVATIONS INC 1,301; FOX LAKE FORD 1,438; FOX LAKE THEATRE 2,037; FOX VALLEY GRAPHICS, INC 5,258; FRED W LOSCH BEVERAGE CO 2,152; FRIENDS OF THE ROUND LAKE AREA 2,488; FRITO-LAY, INC 2,601; GALL'S INC. 1,452; GAMETIME INCORPORATED 5,056; GATELY ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGIES 6,160; GIFTS GALORE STORE 2,423; GINA FORSBERG 1,152; GOLF FARM 3,825; GONNELLA BAKING CO. 2,081; GRACE MASONRY 5,210; GRAYSLAKE FEED SALES 1,166; GROWER EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY CO 1,398; H CORP. 1,425; HAAS JORDAN COMPANY 1,050; HALOGEN SUPPLY CO 4,118; HARRIS BANK - LIBERTYVILLE 56,095; HARRIS BANK BUSINESS CARD 45,477; HARRIS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK 5,058; HI LITER GRAPHICS INC 44,513; HODGINS REMODELING 1,082; HOME DEPOT 11,622; HOME JUICE COMPANY 7,612; HUMPHREY ENTERTAINMENT CO 2,277; IMAK M LAF 1,025; IAPD 7,850; IDENTIFICATION PROD MFG 1,620; IDENTITY SPORTSWEAR 16,107; IKON 1,658; ILLINOIS ASSN OF PARK DISTRICT 9,558; ILLINOIS DEPT OF REVENUE 11,098; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 2,281; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 2,464; ILLINOIS PARK & REC ASSN 2,678; ILLINOIS PARK & REC ASSN 2,509; ILLINOIS PARK & REC ASSN 3,054; ILLINOIS SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUBS 18,363; ILLINOIS STATE POLICE BOI 1,980; IMAGETEC LP 1,988; IMPERIAL HEADWEAR INC 2,130; INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY 2,000; IWC INC. 1,086; J & R SUPPLY INC 1,371; J W TURF, INC 3,776; JAMES SHOOK 1,083; JEFF ELLIS & ASSOC 6,246; JEWEL FOOD STORE 3,600; JEWELL ELECTRIC, INC 2,179; JOHN CREEGAN 2,500; JOHN TAYLOR C/O IDENTITY 2,340; JONES COACH 2,145; JOSE VALDES 1,000; JUDGE & DOLPH 2,726; JUMP GUY 1,050; K & M MARKETING INC 1,220; K C FITNESS SERVICE INC 3,024; KEN-LEE HARDWARE CO. 7,460; KERN HEATING CO. 6,018; KINEMATICS, LTD. 2,150; KLOEPER BROTHERS 9,475; KNUTTE & ASSOCIATES P.C. 9,050; KOELPER BROS 9,475; KRAFT PAPER SALES CO. 7,194; KRISTOFFS ENTERTAINMENT CNTR 1,498; LAKE COUNTY COLLECTOR 2,028; LAKE COUNTY GRADING CO., INC. 43,195; LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 1,125; LAKE LAND COMMUNITY BANK 714,199; LAKELAND PUBLISHERS 4,002; W 3,289; LAWSON PRODUCTS INC 2,127; LEONARDI'S 12,550; LEOS DANCEWEAR 1,966; LESCO INCORPORATED 4,187; LIBERTS DANCE FASHIONS 6,765; LIFEGUARD STORE 5,673; LINDENHURST PARK DISTRICT 1,931; LONG LAKE LUMBER COMPANY 1,595; LOVIN' OVEN CAKERY 1,282; LOWERY MCDONNELL COMPANY 5,000; M.I.P.E. 1,275; MAD BOMBER FIREWORKS 17,000; MAD SCIENCE 1,192; MANEVAL CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. 91,288; MARAVELA'S CATERING 1,817; MASTERCARD CORPORATE CLIENTS 4,115; MECHANICAL SOIL TECHNOLOGY 2,049; MEMORY MAKERS 1,825; MENARDS 2,282; MIDWEST TRANSIT 53,069; MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIP 48,475; MODERN HEATING COMPANY 9,500; MOORE MEDICAL CORP 1,574; MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC 3,693; MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL 1,601; NATIONAL BUSINESS FURNITURE 18,972; NATIONAL CITY BANK OF MICHIGAN 399,749; NATIONAL RECREATION & PARKS 1,925; NATIONAL SALT SUPPLY 7,624; NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS 1,759; NICOR GAS 4,299; NORSHORE ALARM CO INC 1,331; NORTHERN PRINTING 2,142; NORTHLAND CUSTOM LAMINATED 2,255; NUTOYS LEISURE PRODUCTS 9,600; OAK TERRACE 1,242; OLSON TRANSPORTATION, INC 9,720; ORIENTAL TRADING CO 2,217; OUTLOOK WINDOW FASHIONS 1,748; P D R M A 434,288; P D R M A 35,007; PAT COSTELLO 1,312; PATRIOT PUBLIC FINANCE 1,286; PATTY WASZAK 1,350; PAULENE DOYLE 3,650; PEPSI-COLA 8,840; PERRY APPRAISAL SERVICE 1,300; PHILLIPS MEDICAL SYSTEMS HSG 1,497; PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE, INC 1,445; PITNEY BOWES 1,096; PIZZA PLACE 2,310; POOLCARE-AQUATECH, LTD 13,153; POOLMART 3,961; PREMIUMWEAR, INC 4,459; PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS ASSN 1,664; PSC GROUP, LLC 6,377; QUALITY BACKFLOW TESTING, INC. 1,050; QUALITY CATERING INC 35,628; RAH EQUIPMENT CO 10,520; RALPH'S GREENHOUSE 2,364; RAYMOND D COLLINS 2,083; REIDESIGNE LANDSCAPE CONTR INC 21,509; RINELLA

BEV. CO. 4,742; RINK SIDE SPORTS 2,476; ROBERT CRANDALL; HARRY STROM, 18,500; ROSCOE 2,412; ROUND LAKE AREA SCHOOL DIST 116 90,869; ROUND LAKE BEACH POLICE DEPT. 1,200; ROUND LAKE DEVELOPMENT LLC 146,876; ROUND LAKE POSTMASTER 15,086; S & S ARTS & CRAFTS 4,087; S.O.S. SERVICE, INC 1,660; SAM'S CLUB DIRECT 10,376; SAMS CLUB 1,225; SAMUEL FRENCH, INC. 1,757; SANTANA NATURAL GAS CORP 45,653; SBC 6,074; SCHNEIDER'S TRUCKING INC 7,800; SENTE & RUBEL LTD 48,699; SIGN CENTRAL 3,777; SIMPLOT PARTNERS 1,121; SODEXHO INC. 19,876; SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF IL 1,044; SRSLNC 93,385; SPECIALTY FLOORS, INC 4,805; SPORTS R US 23,042; SPORTSMAN 2,550; SRSLNC-WAUKEGAN 1,107; STARSTRUCK PRODUCTIONS, LLC 1,800; STEINER ELECTRIC 3,999; STO COTE PRODUCTS INC 2,321; STUART GREENSPAN 1,700; SUBURBAN CHICAGO NEWSPAPERS 3,223; SUSAN WILSON 1,045; SYSCO FOOD SERVICES 47,510; T & P SC 4,410; T WALLACE BLACKTOPPING INC 67,677; T.C. BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 7,818; TALKING TEES 1,297; TDS METROCOM 4,075; TETRION FINANCIAL CORP 34,856; THE PGA OF AMERICA 1,095; THELEN SAND & GRAVEL 1,503; THERESE EMIL 1,064; THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR 1,810; TITLEIST 20,319; TODD DONNELLY 1,500; TOMMY GUN'S GARAGE 1,522; TONYAN BROS INC 3,521; TOSHIBA AMERICA INFORMATION SY 4,839; TOTAL QUALITY PAPER 1,239; TOUR EDGE GOLF MFG 2,508; TOWN & COUNTRY POWER EQUIP 1,113; TREASURER, STATE OF ILLINOIS 2,244; TURF PROFESSIONAL EQUIP. CO 3,235; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 11,400; UNION BEV. CO. 1,757; VERIZON WIRELESS MESSAGING 1,688; VERMONT SYSTEMS INC 1,398; VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE 23,811; VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE BEACH 2,435; WAL MART 16,253; WASTE MANAGEMENT NORTH 23,236; WATER WORKS 1,921; WAUCONDA PARK DISTRICT 24,690; WENDOLYN DAVIS 8,518; WEST TOWN REFRIGERATION CORP 12,872; WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 3,674; WESTSIDE MECHANICAL INC 8,127; WINDANCE ACRES 2,200; WISCONSIN GLACIER SPRINGS CO 1,160; WOLFF FORDING COMPANY 1,952; WORTHINGTON DIRECT 2,220; YOUNG REMBRANDTS 3,150; ZION PARK DISTRICT 3,127; EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS UNDER 1,000.00 201,048.

COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

UNDER \$15,000

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	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECT	ENTERPRISE
Beginning Fund Balance	200,081	797,721	403,414	251,407	0
Revenues	529,666	5,852,629	758,980	481,620	0
Expenditures	629,706	5,376,228	775,404	234,359	0
Other Financing Sources	108,000	0	0	35,000	0
Uses	0	217,488	35,000	785,825	0
Proceeds of Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0	494,494	0
Ending Fund Balance	208,041	1,056,634	351,990	242,337	0

I, Curtis Gentry, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and state that I am Treasurer of the Round Lake Area Park District and that the foregoing statement as to said District is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

Curtis Gentry (Treasurer)

Subscribed and sworn before me this 11th day of December 2003.

Notary Public

Round Lake Area Park District
814 Hart Road
Round Lake, IL 60073

1226D-6304-FL
December 26, 2003

LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Big Hollow School Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, January 5, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., in the elementary school gym. The meeting topics include a calendar waiver and consideration of placing a referendum on the Spring election ballot.

1226D-6302-FL
December 26, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF LAKE } SS
In the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth
Judicial Circuit, Lake County, Illinois
In The Matter of the Petition of
Patricia J. Schubert
For Name Change }

Notice of publication

Public notice is hereby given that on January 21, 2004, being one of the return days in the Circuit Court of the County of Lake, I will file my Petition In said Court praying for the change of my name from PATRICIA J. SCHUBERT to that of PATRICIA J. HOLLAND pursuant to the Statute in such case made and Provided.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grayslake Community Park District, Lake County, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 7th day of January, 2004, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the Boardroom in the Park District Administration Center, 151 Hawley Street, Grayslake, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in the amount of \$150,000 for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

By order of the President of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Grayslake Community Park District, Lake County, Illinois.

DATED the 17th day of December, 2003.

Gayle Cinke
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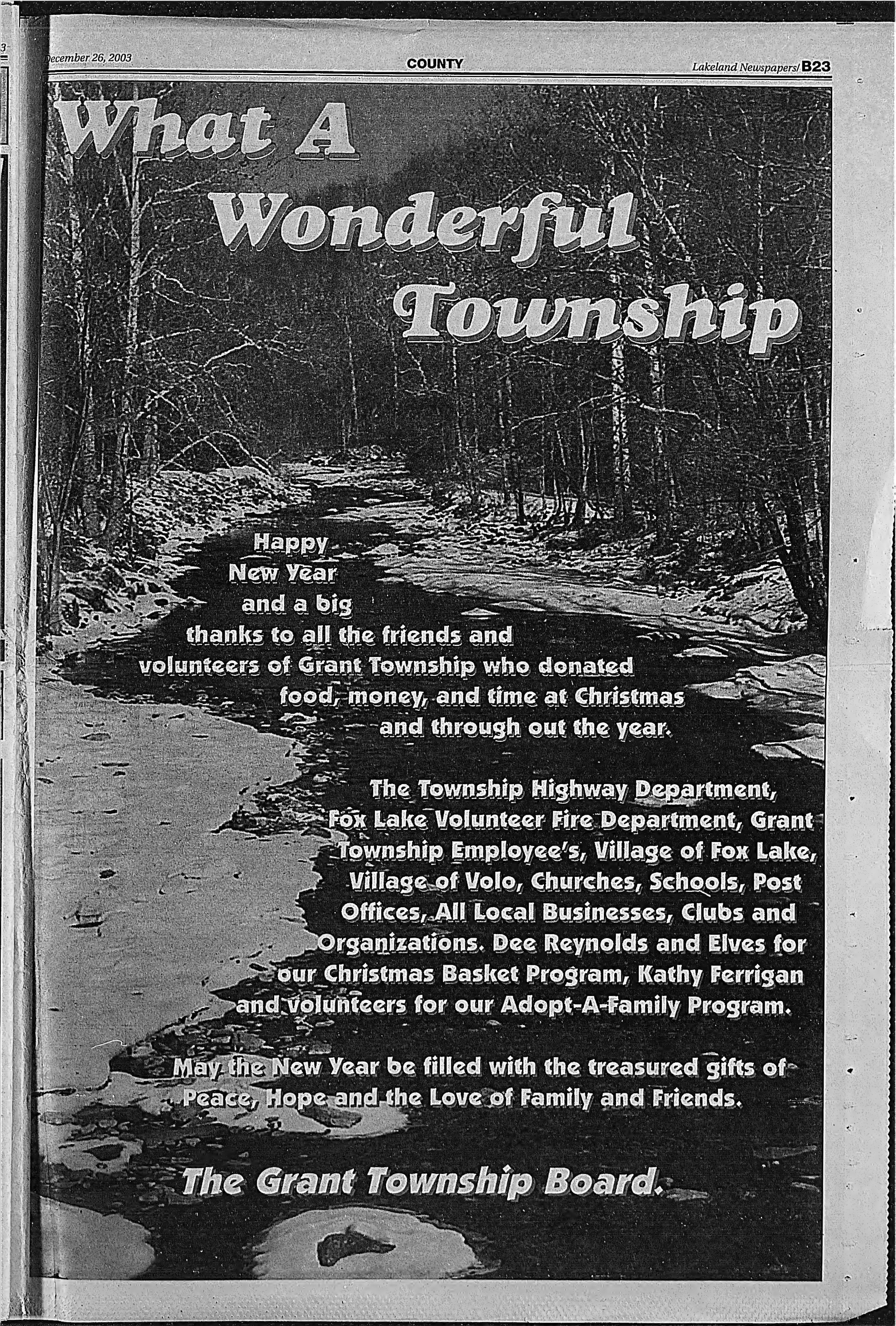
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New Year's Happenings





Sun Dried Tomato and Herb Cheese Strudels



- 9 ounces soft fresh goat cheese, room temperature
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- 1/4 cup minced sun-dried tomatoes

PLUS:

- 2 tablespoons minced sun-dried tomatoes (oil-packed, drained)
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh oregano
- 12 Phyllo pastry sheets; thawed
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 large plum tomato; seeded & diced
- fresh oregano sprigs

Stir first six ingredients in bowl until smooth. Season filling with pepper. Place one phyllo sheet on work surface (keep remainder covered). Brush lightly with oil and season with pepper. Top with one more phyllo sheet. Brush lightly with oil and season with pepper. Repeat with one more sheet. Fold stacked phyllo in half lengthwise. Brush top with oil.

Spoon 1/4 of filling in one-inch-wide log down one long side of sheet, leaving one-inch borders. Fold each short end over filling. Brush edges with oil. Press seam to seal. Wrap strudel tightly in plastic. Refrigerate seam side down. Repeat with remaining phyllo and filling, forming four strudels total. (Can be prepared two days ahead.)

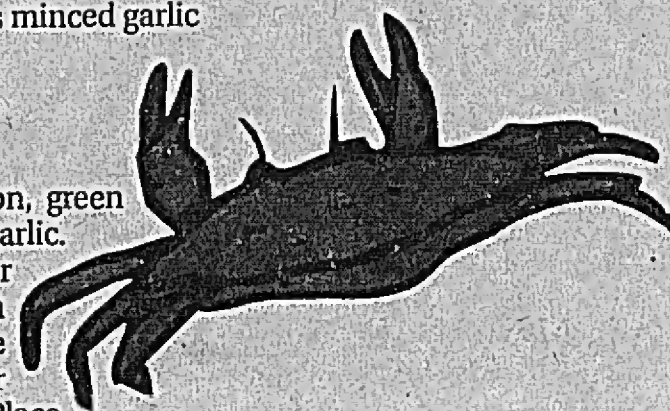
Preheat oven to 375° F. Lightly oil cookie sheets. Place strudels on prepared sheets, seam sides down. Using serrated knife, score each strudel (cutting through phyllo only), making 14 diagonal cuts in each. Brush strudels with oil. Bake until golden, about 15 minutes. Cool 10 minutes.

Cut through score lines, forming slices. Arrange cut side up on platter. Garnish slices with tomato and oregano.

Crab Puffs Ranggon

- 1/2 pound cooked crab meat or smoked salmon, lightly flaked
- 1 teaspoon green onion, finely-minced
- 1/4 pound cream cheese (at room temperature)
- 1/2 teaspoon steak sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder or 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 pound won ton wrappers
- 1 beaten egg or 2 egg whites
- 3 cups vegetable oil

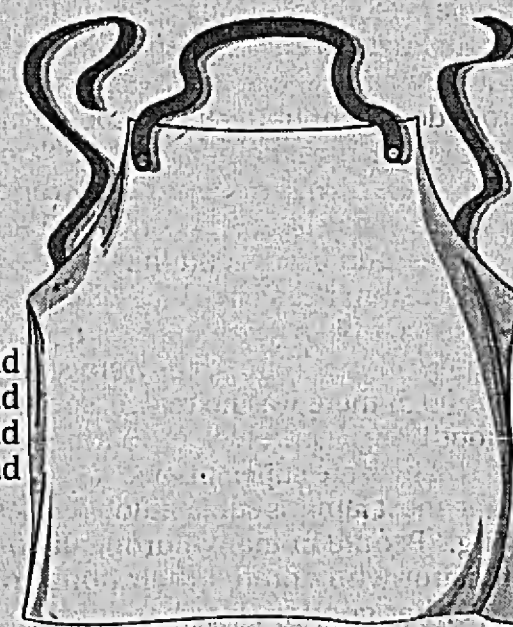
Combine crab meat or smoked salmon, green onion, cream cheese, steak sauce, and garlic. Place 1/2 teaspoon of mixture in center of won ton wrapper; fold square over to form triangle. Lightly brush the center with the beaten egg. Bring opposite corners together and press gently, so filling will be secure. Place oil in wok and heat to 375 degrees for deep-frying. Deep-fry one crab or salmon puff and adjust heat downwards if necessary. Fry rest of puffs until delicately brown, less than two minutes. Serve hot.



Tortilla Roll - Ups

- 4 (12-inch) flour tortillas
- 16 ounce Cream cheese
- 1 package Dry ranch dressing mix
- 2 Green onions, chopped fine
- 1/2 cup Red pepper, chopped fine
- 1/2 cup Celery, chopped fine
- 1 small Can sliced black olives

Mix cream cheese, ranch dressing and onions and spread on tortillas. Layer with red pepper, celery and olives. Roll tortillas up tight, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Slice and serve. Makes 48 tortillas.



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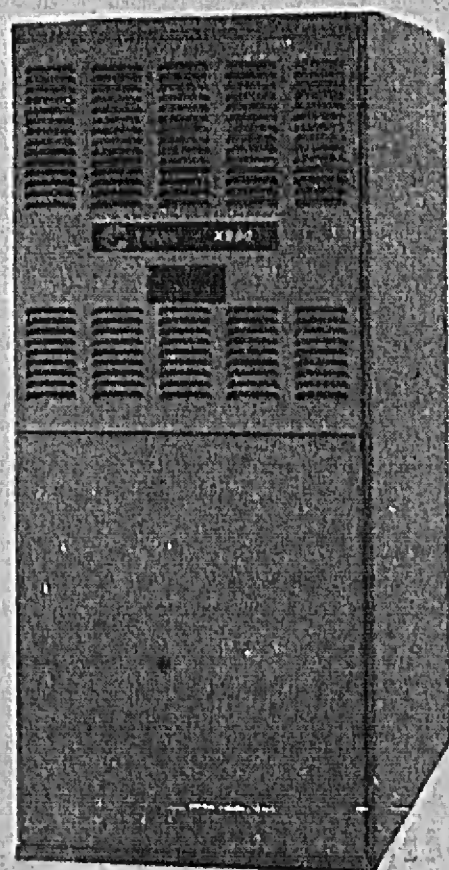
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The clock is about to strike midnight

It is New Year's Eve. In New York hundreds of thousands of people have jammed into Times Square - the center of the city - to welcome the new year. The last seconds of the old year tick away. When 12 o'clock arrives, a great cheer goes up, horns blow, firecrackers explode, and people sing "Should old acquaintance be forgot, and days of auld lang syne." It is now January 1st, the beginning of a new year.

New Year's Day is the world's birthday. It is celebrated in almost every country in the world. It is a day to look back over the past year and remember all the good things that have happened. It is a time to look back at mistakes, and to make "resolutions" to avoid these mistakes in the new year.

People celebrate New Year's Day in different ways throughout the world. In England and Scotland, large bonfires are built. In France, gifts are exchanged on New Year's Day. In some countries children go from door to door to receive cookies and cakes.

Perhaps the most popular custom throughout the world is going visiting. People in many parts of the world open their doors to greet their friends and neighbors on New Year's Day. Cookies, candies, nuts, cakes, and other good things are offered at each house. This friendly custom began in China many years ago.

There have been some strange customs on New Year's Day. They are superstitions. That is, they are strange ideas people believed even though there was no real reason to believe them. That a rabbit's foot brings good luck or that breaking a mirror brings seven years bad luck are superstitions.

The most famous superstition for New Year's Day is called "first footing." People in many European countries believed that the first visitor who entered their house on New Year's Day would bring either good luck or bad luck for the whole year. A dark-haired man would bring good luck. A woman or a man with light hair would bring bad luck. So, to be on the safe side, some towns chose a man with dark hair to go quickly from house to

house. After he made his rounds, the houses would be open to other visitors.

In Japan, women placed beans on the floor in the four corners of the house. This was supposed to drive evil spirits from the house for the new year.

In the United States the new year is celebrated with New Year's Eve parties, paper hats, noise, music, and good friendship. Parades are also an important part of the celebration.

The "Mummers" parade on January 1st each year in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is one of the biggest parades in the world. A "Mummer" is a man who wears a mask or costume. The Philadelphia parade lasts 10 hours, and is said to cost over one million dollars. The leader of the parade is called "King Momus," and is dressed in a brightly colored costume. He is followed by a long line of magnificent floats, each one different, and specially decorated for the occasion. There are marching bands. The men in the parade are dressed as clowns, animals, historical figures, and even women. The costumes are gay and colorful, and many are covered with flowers, baubles, sequins, and jewelry.

On the other coast of the United States in Pasadena, California, is another famous parade - the Tournament of Roses. A "queen" leads the parade. Millions of flowers, especially roses, decorate the floats. It is one of the most beautiful parades in the world. The climax of the pageant is the Rose Bowl football game.

Everyone, however, does not celebrate the New Year on January 1st.

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First Night, Family Night

Get ready to ring in the New Year with

music, food and fun. From 6 p.m. to midnight on Wednesday, Dec. 31, the First Night 2004 family-friendly event in Highland Park will feature the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band and other performing groups. A special winter carnival and an early "Kids Countdown". The adults can count down in Port Clinton Square featuring the Midnight Circus. Free shuttle provided.

The event will be held at the Karger Recreation Center, 1850 Green Bay Road in Highland Park. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for children and seniors. For details, call 847-831-2265.

Go jump in a lake!

Come join the brave of heart for the annual Polar Bear Plunge on New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan. 1. Jump into the freezing waters of Lake Michigan and then try to warm up with the crowd afterwards. Held at 10 a.m. at Waukegan Municipal Beach, 201 Sea Horse Drive in Waukegan.

For more details, call 847-623-6650 or visit or visit online at www.waukegan-web.net/events.html.

Hike it off

Hike through one of the most popular sites to see nature in its winter glory on New Year's Day, Jan. 1 from 1:30-3 p.m. Along the way, explore Lake County's natural history and contemplate its future. All ages are invited. Registration and prepayment is required. Non-resident fee is \$7 or \$5 for residents.

Held at Old School Forest Preserve in Libertyville, near Route 176 & St. Mary's Road. For more information, visit www.LCFPD.org or call 847-367-6640.

The best place to be for New Year's is home

What better way to usher in the new year than with an intimate party with some close friends, beautiful but simple decorations and a cocktail or two to smooth out any rough edges.

The transition to a new year is always exciting in itself, but a great New Year's Eve party sends it over the edge. It may sound like a lot of work but not necessarily. Be resourceful and make it as effortless for yourself as possible.

It's about embracing an idea, adopting a color scheme, dining on tasty food and enjoying good music with a great group of friends.

Here are easy ways to transform your home to reflect your personal style.

Stimulate all the Senses

There is a very apt expression: "Life is like theater." Whatever happens in the first few minutes sets the stage for what's to come. And by consciously appealing to all the senses from the moment guests arrive, make them feel welcome. It's best to start with the entry hall and go room by room to make sure that each is ready and inviting.

• Sight—Lighting sets the mood and allows

you to add a sense of drama. With dimmer switches (a must on every switch) and tinted light bulbs (golds, ambers, soft pinks) and candles you can create rooms that are warm and attractive.

• Smell—Light a fragrant candle to give every room in your home a wonderful scent. Fry some garlic just before the guests arrive. Have a good scented candle burning in the bathroom.

• Sound—Music is one of the most important elements. Begin playing the music an hour before the guests arrive to get you into the mood while you are setting up and getting ready. The first person to arrive will feel as if they're expected, and music should be playing until the last guest leaves.

• Taste—Be prepared with a snappy cocktail du jour or tasty appetizer. Have this ready as soon as guests arrive. A good drink helps break the ice and create a smooth transition from what might have been a hectic day. Hint: The stronger the cocktail the quicker the transition!

New Year's Bash, family fun at Navy Pier

Navy Pier is the place to celebrate New Year's Eve and start the new year. From a Winter WonderFest and a rock-n-roll ball to Chicago's giant Ferris wheel countdown and two fireworks displays, there's something for everyone to welcome the New Year at Navy Pier.

Visitors of all ages are invited to Navy Pier, with the celebration beginning on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. and continuing until midnight, when a giant Chicago-style Ferris wheel countdown welcomes 2004. The night concludes with a festive fireworks display set to a special soundtrack.

The annual Rock N' Roll Ball, held in the Grand Ballroom, features the B-52s and Poi Dog Pondering and an opening musical act. Tickets are available through TicketMaster by calling 312-559-1212 or at www.ticketmaster.com.

Navy Pier's Festival Hall will be transformed into a winter wonderland with sparkling lights, hundreds of decorated trees and wintertime decorations through Jan. 4, 2004. Families with children of all ages will have the opportunity to celebrate the holidays with a wide variety of games, activities, entertainment and much more.

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The LaSalle Bank Winter WonderFest is open from 10 a.m.-11:45 p.m. on New Year's Eve and 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on New Year's Day. Admission is free. Activities and rides priced independently.



The 52's



Poi Dog Pondering

There will also be a fireworks display on New Year's Day at 6 p.m. The Mayor's Office of Special Events will host Kids Weekend in the family pavilion Jan. 1-4. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of hands-on workshops including juggling, magic tricks and more. For details, call 312-744-3315.

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I t's time to think about storing holiday decorations

Holiday storage can be more perplexing than holiday decorating. How can you store a variety of items safely and so they don't get crushed? And how can you find it all next year?

A little planning and effort now will pay off in years to come. Here are some tips to help you store your decorations quickly and easily.

Label it - If you have fashioned the perfect length garland for your stairway, don't just shove it in a box with all of the other garlands. Label it by using a tie-on tag or even a 3x5 card attached with a twist tie. Or, put it in a separate labeled box, or into a marked white plastic trash bag.

Keep parts together - Tape a bag of extra light bulbs to the end of the light string... leave that just right size extension cord with your lit Santa... store the wreath hanger with your wreath decorations. Keep the floor protecting plastic with your tree stand, holiday placemats with holiday dishes, etc.

Make an "open first" box - Buy one large

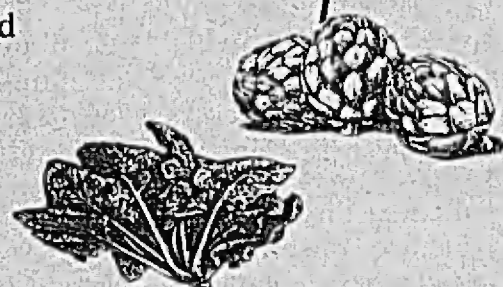
brightly colored plastic bin (or make a large colored sign for a cardboard box). This will help you to easily find it next year. Use the box to store the items you'll need "first" during the holidays. It might include your tree stand, holiday cards, gift tags, wreath decorations, cookie cutters, extension cords, and special holiday display decorations.

Paper or plastic? - Some experts recommend that treasured ornaments should not be stored in plastic boxes due to concerns about trapped humidity. However, many have used plastic for years and haven't had a problem, though we don't have high humidity in this area. The advantage to plastic is that it won't "break down" over time the way cardboard does, and it is easily washed. And decorations are easily visible through clear sides, making it easier to find what you need. However, if humidity is a concern, you may want to consider cardboard boxes, use silica packets to control humidity levels, or store keepsakes inside a drier area of your home.



Spinach Artichoke Dip

6-10 oz frozen spinach, thawed and drained
12-14 oz marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 small onion chopped
1/2 cup parmesan cheese
2/3 cup light mayonnaise
spices to taste (for spicy, use Tabasco and peper flakes; for mild use an herb blend.)



Mix all ingredients together. The mixture should be moist, but not wet. Place in shallow casserole dish and bake at 350F for 20-30 minutes or until top is crusty. Serve with bread, veggies or crackers.

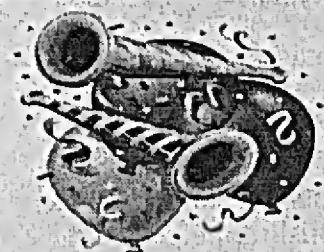
Smokeybrie Spread

4 slices bacon, fried crisp
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
4-1/2 ounce brie cheese, room temp.
2 teaspoons milk
1 teaspoon lemon juice

Place bacon in food processor or blender and process until finely chopped. Add remaining ingredients and process until smooth. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
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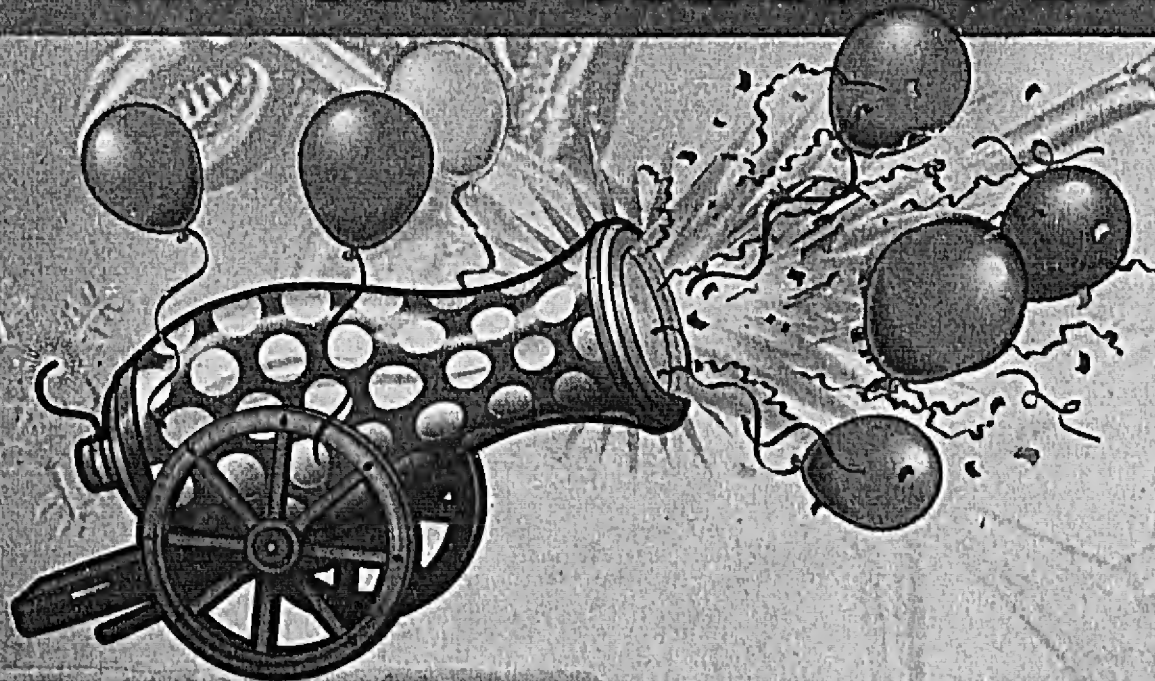
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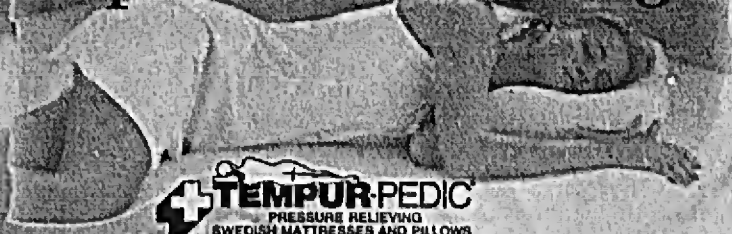
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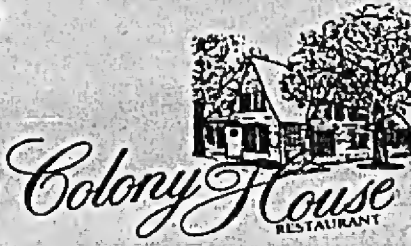
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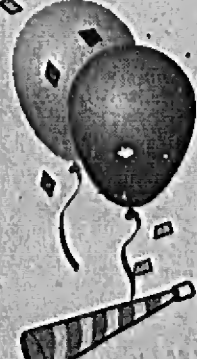
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Traditions of this holiday usually include making a New Year's resolution. That tradition also dates back to the early Babylonians. Popular modern resolutions include promising to clean your bedroom or trying not to pick on your little sis so much. The early Babylonian's most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment.

How do other countries celebrate?

Korea: Some people give gifts on this day. New Year's day is the biggest holiday so time is usually spent with family and friends. Traditional games are also played. A lot of people go to the sea to watch the sunset. The beaches of eastern Korea are filled with

crowds of people. People make their new year's wishes when they see the sun rise.

Turkey:

New Year's is celebrated on December 31st. Most people have a special dinner with family and friends. It should be no surprise that people in Turkey prepare a turkey feast. Homes are sometimes decorated with pine, but generally decorations aren't used.

Venezuela:

People usually wear yellow underwear on New Year's Day for good luck. Most people also eat twelve grapes at midnight for good luck. Some people write wishes in a letter and then burn it. In almost every house people have a big meal and make toasts with champagne.

Columbia:

Burning "Mr. Old Year" is a New Year's tradition in some cities of Colombia. A big male doll stuffed with unwanted materials and sometimes fireworks is set on fire. These things will burn with the old year, meaning they want to forget all the bad things that happened during the past year.— www.kidzworld.com/site/p169.htm

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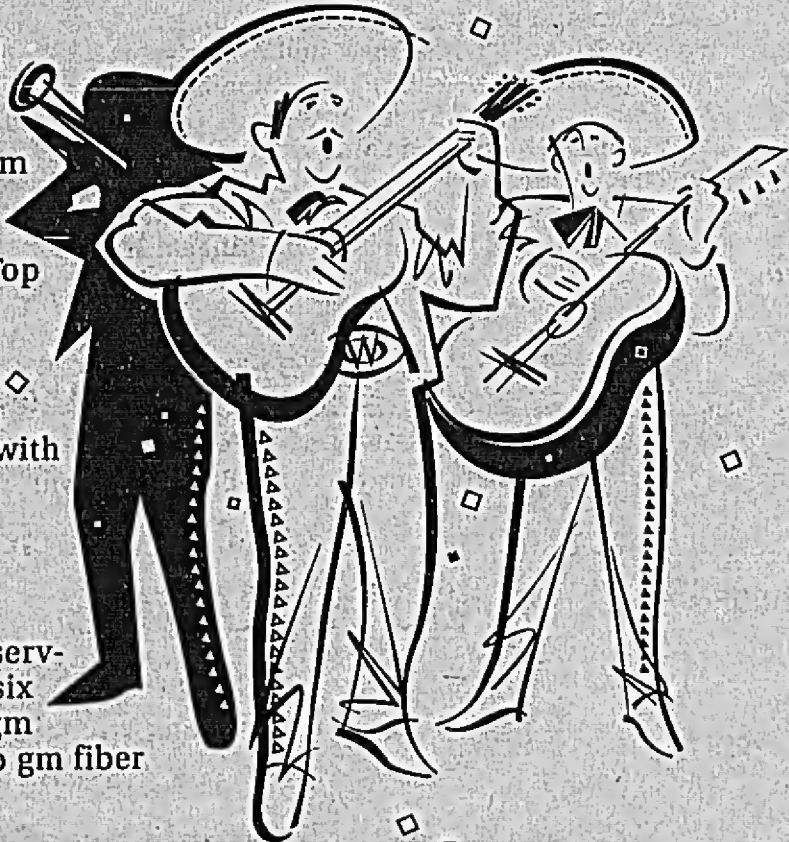


Six Layer Dip

- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1-1/2 cups salsa from a jar, divided
- 1 container (8 ounces) guacamole, 1 cup
- 1-3/4 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend (7 ounces), divided
- 1 can (5-3/4 ounces) drained large ripe pitted olives, sliced, about 1 cup
- Tortilla chips

Preheat oven to 350° F. In bowl mash beans until chunky. Stir in 1/2 cup salsa until combined. Spread mixture evenly over bottom of oven-proof 6-cup glass bowl. Spoon guacamole over beans. Sprinkle with 3/4 cup cheese. Top with remaining salsa. Arrange olives over salsa; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake until cheese melts and begins to brown slightly, about 15 minutes. Serve with chips. Yield: Six cups

Nutritional Analysis: per 1/2 cup serving: 120 calories, five gm protein, six gm fat, four gm cholesterol, 12 gm carbohydrate, 318 mg sodium, two gm fiber

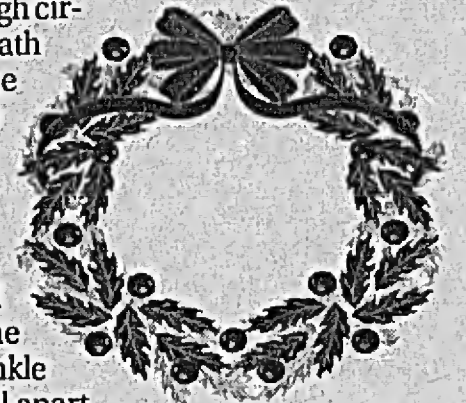


Vegetable Wreath

- 2 (8-ounces) packages of refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 (8-ounces) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 cups finely chopped green vegetables (bell peppers, broccoli, cucumber, green onions)
- 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper

Heat oven to 375° F. Remove dough from cans in rolled sections; do not unroll. Slice each dough section seven times to yield eight rounds each (16 per package). Place custard cup on an ungreased cookie sheet. Lay flat dough circles around the center cup touching each other to form wreath shape, then arrange an outer ring. The circles should all be touching each other but do not press together. Remove the cup and Bake at 375° F for 11 to 13 minutes or until golden brown. Cool one minute; loosen with spatula and slide onto wire rack to completely cool.

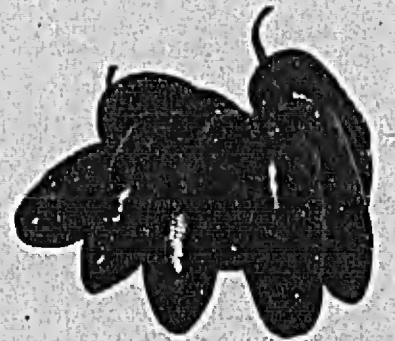
Place wreath on platter. In small bowl, combine cream cheese, sour cream, dill and garlic powder; blend until smooth. Spread the mixture over the wreath. Decorate the wreath with assorted green vegetables pieces, then sprinkle with red pepper. Refrigerate until serving time. To serve; pull apart the slices of the wreath. Yield: 32 Pieces



Stuffed Jalapeno Poppers

- 24 fresh jalapeno peppers (1-1/4 pound) medium size
- 1-1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 (8-ounce) cream cheese
- 6 cup vegetable oil for frying
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 cups bread crumbs

Cut stem end off peppers with paring knife (wear plastic gloves). Carefully remove seeds and white membrane. Mix cheeses together and stuff peppers with cheese. Heat oil in deep-fat fryer to 375° F or in large pot until oil registers 375° F. Meanwhile, place eggs in small bowl. Place crumbs in shallow pan. Drop 4 peppers in eggs; toss to coat. Using fork, lift one pepper at a time out of egg, shaking off excess. Drop into crumbs; toss to coat. Place on sheet pan. When all peppers are coated, set aside for 15 min. to set up and dry. Repeat six more times with remaining peppers. With slotted spoon, slip peppers, five-six at a time, into hot oil. Fry two-three minutes, until golden. Remove to platter lined with paper towels to drain. Repeat with remaining peppers. Serve immediately. Yield: 24 poppers



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How to make a New Years resolution stick

At the beginning of each year so many people commit to changes and worthy goals to be accomplished in the next twelve months only to be disappointed come next December 31 when they discover they are no closer to achieving those resolutions than they were on January 1.

The noble resolutions made early-on became unstuck. So here are four useful suggestions to increase the probability that the New Year's resolutions will stick this year.

1. Quantify it. Sometimes people are just too vague about what one wants. Therefore, a resolution such as, "I want to lose weight this year" will probably fail. It is too vague. How much weight?

Be specific. What would your ideal weight be, less what do you weigh now, is what you are going after. It is not enough to resolve that; "I want enough money in the bank this year".

Quantify. What specific amount would soothe the soul?

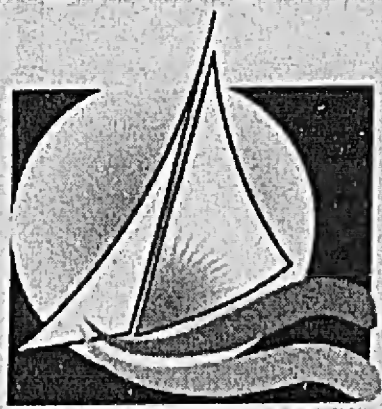
2. Set a deadline. Resolutions that are to be achieved "as soon as possible" wind up in the heap of "Someday I'll". Deadlines are commitments. Without a deadline as a self-imposed pressure point, getting started is easily postponed. Deadlines puts one on the line and define when failure occurs. Deadlines also helps to break the resolution down into little bite-sized pieces. For example, if the goal is to lose 25 pounds by June 30, that translates into

approximately four pounds per month, one pound per week, or a daily reduction of caloric intake (or an increase in daily caloric burn) of just 500 calories per day. Now that's manageable. 500 calories a day is easy to achieve. 25 pounds seems like a leap across the Grand Canyon. Until one quantify the goal, set a deadline, then break it down to its daily requirements, the resolution will forever seem unattainable.

3. Change one or two things at a time. People generally do not like change in the first place. They seek the familiar and avoid the strange. The more change you put yourself through, the higher the probability your campaign will collapse. Focus in on one or two of

the more important resolutions you seek to accomplish this year. When you achieve one or the other, start on the next one. Don't overwhelm yourself with too much change all at once.

4. Be realistic. There's just something about the start of a new year that gets us all wound up for changes in our lives, sometimes extraordinary and unrealistic changes. We become much like the child in the candy store whose eyes are bigger than his stomach. Be realistic. You can only accomplish a certain amount within a period of time. Don't saddle yourself with unrealistic resolutions that will only spell failure later on. —By: Dr. Donald E. Wetmore



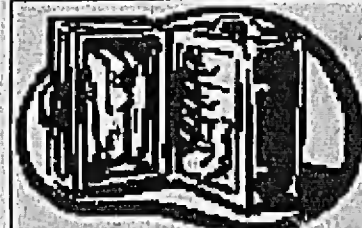
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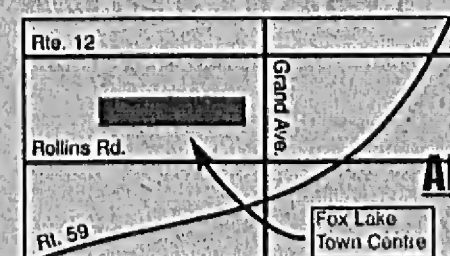
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